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SUMMARY

This report deals with the results of questionnaires associated with the 1978, 1983 and 1986 "Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish", with the emphasis on the last survey findings and a comparison between the 1983 and 1986 results. There was a total of 1483 responses to the 1986 questionnaire, and the first 1337 responses (received before the October 1, 1986 deadline) were used in the calculations found in this report.

Some of the results were as follows:

1. There was a continual increase in use of the Guides between 1978 and 1986, due to the availability of the Guides at Brewers' Retail and L.C.B.O. Stores, and an increasing public awareness of the program.

2. Almost two-thirds of the respondents in the 1986 survey had used the Guides in previous years. In 1983, about half of the respondents had previously used the Guides.

3. Approximately half of the respondents to the 1983 and 1986 surveys indicated that their fishing and/or fish-consuming habits had changed based on information contained in the Guide.

4. The majority of respondents found that the Guide met their needs and listed the water bodies they were interested in.

5. The most frequently fished water body in both the 1983 and 1986 surveys was Lake Ontario, while Lake Simcoe was the most popular inland lake in both surveys, and the St. Lawrence River and the Grand River were the most popular rivers in 1983 and 1986 respectively.

6. The walleye was the most frequently caught and consumed sport fish species in both the 1983 and 1986 surveys, and various warm-water species dominated both surveys.

7. The average sport fish meal consumed by anglers was about 284 gm. (10 oz.), with an average frequency of once/month.

8. The average commercially purchased fish meal, composed predominantly of saltwater fish, was 247 gm. (8.7 oz.), and was consumed, on average, once/month.

As well, the entire list of comments from the 1482 responses to the 1986 questionnaire is contained in the Appendix.

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INTRODUCTION

The "Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish" is intended to provide the angler and consumer with the most up-to-date advice on recommended levels of consumption of game or sport fish from over 1400 of Ontario's lakes, rivers and locations on the Great Lakes.

This annually-revised, bilingual publication is unique in North America in its scope, detail and coverage of the facts regarding fish and potentially contaminating chemicals. It is the product of dedicated work by many technicians, analysts, scientists and medical specialists of the Ontario ministries of Environment, Natural Resources and Labour.

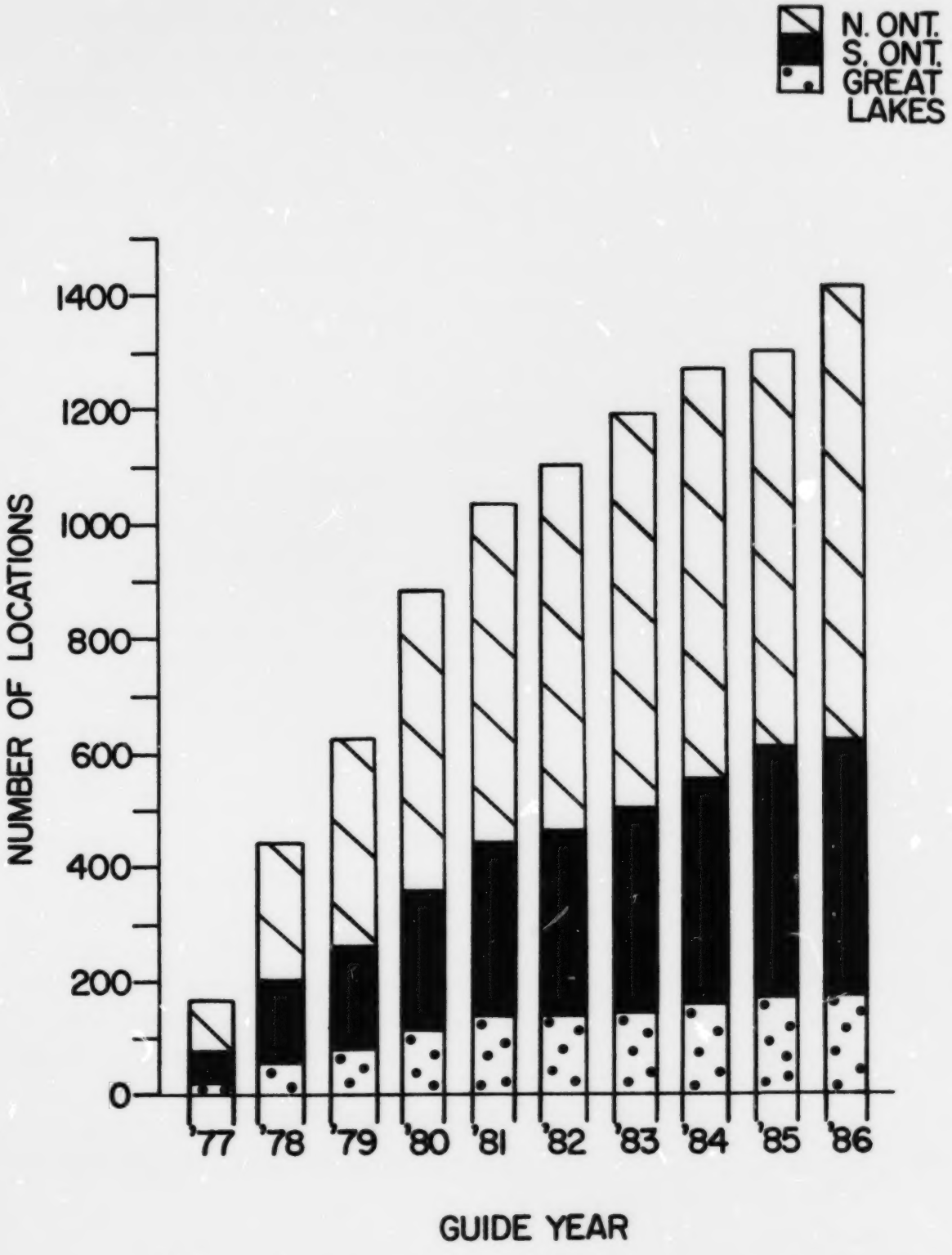
HISTORY OF THE GUIDE AND QUESTIONNAIRES

In 1977, the Ontario government established the Sport Fish Testing and Angler Information Program in response to public demand for information on both the condition of Ontario waters and the safety of fish consumption from these waters. In this first year, information on acceptable levels of consumption of sport fish from 168 locations in the province was made available in the form of individual "Lake Cards", one for each of the water bodies tested. Such a system proved unwieldy, since many anglers fished a number of waters each year and wanted a number of cards.

In April 1978, consumption advice was published in the first set of the "Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish", with separate booklets for Northern Ontario, Southern Ontario and the Great Lakes. These Guides provided consumption guidelines for various fish species from a total of 458 Ontario water bodies. The Guides were annually updated and by 1983, fish contaminant levels in almost 1200 locations had been tested and were published in two separate Guides - Northern Ontario and Upper Great Lakes, and Southern Ontario and the Great Lakes. Starting in 1985, the Guides were combined into one all-Ontario Guide in which 1348 locations were listed. The 1986 Guide contains fish contaminant information on 1409 locations (Figure 1).

FIGURE I

NUMBER OF LOCATIONS LISTED IN EACH GUIDE YEAR



The questionnaires were used in conjunction with the Guides for a number of reasons. They were useful in determining not only the most effective distribution of the Guides, but also the effectiveness of the guidelines i.e. if the readers understood and used the guidelines and advice, and if the information met their needs. Also, useful information was obtained regarding the preferred fishing locations, the amount and frequency of fish consumption, and the species caught and consumed. The readers were also given the opportunity to suggest future sampling locations, and to make comments and suggestions on the Guide and the program.

There have been three sets of questionnaires associated with the Guides. In 1978, the first year of the Guides, questionnaires were sent randomly to people who had requested a copy of the Guide from the Ministry of the Environment in response to newspaper advertising (4). A 44% response produced 876 replies. In 1983, a questionnaire was enclosed in the back of the Guide books, and 807 responses were received. In 1986, an expanded version of the 1983 questionnaire, with a number of comparable questions, was enclosed in the back of the Guide and a total of 1483 responses were received, of which 1337 (received before the October 1, 1986 deadline) were used in the calculations for this report.

In 1985, a report comparing the 1978 and 1983 questionnaire responses was published (1). This 1986 report compares the results of all three questionnaires, with emphasis on comparisons between 1983 and 1986 responses. Copies of the questionnaires are given in Appendices I, II and III.

RESULTS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

i) Background of the Respondents

In both the 1983 and 1986 surveys, over 90% of the respondents were residents of Ontario (Table 1). The Ontario residents responding to the 1986 survey were further categorized as being from either Northern Ontario (i.e. north of French River - Lake Nipissing) or Southern Ontario, and 87.0% of the respondents indicated Southern Ontario residency. The percentage of respondents from the United States dropped between the 1983 and the 1986 surveys. The results of the 1978 survey could not be used in comparisons, as only Ontario residents were sent questionnaires in 1978.

Table 1
Residence of Questionnaire Respondents

Residence	1978	1983	1986
Ontario	100	94.3	97.1
Other Province	NA*	1.0	0.9
U.S.A.	NA*	4.7	2.0

* NA - not applicable, as this questionnaire was not directed to residents outside Ontario.

Table 2
Sex of Questionnaire Respondents

	1978	1983	1986
Male	92.9	92.3	93.9
Female	7.1	7.7	6.1

Table 3
Age Groupings of Questionnaire Respondents

Age Group (years)	1978	1983	1986
under 15	1.4	11.2	7.7
15-25	12.5	22.8	21.1
26-45	46.0	44.8	51.3
over 45	40.0	21.2	19.9

In all three surveys, the percentage of male and female respondents was very similar, with over 92% of the respondents being male in each survey (Table 2).

There was variation between surveys in the percentage of each age group responding, but the 26 to 45 year group was consistently the most frequently responding group. This group encompassed close to half of the respondents to each questionnaire (Table 3).

ii) Guide Distribution Sources

Table 4 lists the distribution sources of the 1983 and 1986 Guides, and it can be seen that almost 80% of the 1986 Guides were obtained from either Brewers' Retail or L.C.B.O. Stores. This is a sharp increase from 1983 when 56.2% of the Guides were obtained from these sources, and the Brewers' Retail Stores showed the greater increase as a distribution source. These outlets obviously serve as a valuable communications link not only because their displays make the public aware of the Guide, but also because they are easily accessible distribution sources to the public in every part of Ontario. The assistance of the Brewers' Retail and L.C.B.O. in the success of "Guide" distribution is greatly appreciated. In the 1986 questionnaire, a new source "from a friend or relative" was included, and quite possibly many of the "other" responses in the 1983 survey would have been in this category.

The results of the question "How did you first become aware of the Guide Book?" are shown in Table 5. In the 1986 questionnaire, the option "saw it on display" was included, and about 2/3 of the people indicated this was their first awareness of the Guide, usually at Brewers' Retail or L.C.B.O. Stores. In the 1983 questionnaire, this option was not included, but a large number of the respondents who indicated "other" stated that they had seen it on display. The drop in all categories between the 1983 and 1986 surveys indicates that displays were more effective than articles or advertisements in making the public aware of the Guide.

Table 4
Sources of Distribution of 1983 and 1986 Guides

Source	1983 %	1986
Brewers' Retail Store	35.1	50.7
L.C.B.O. Store	21.1	27.2
At a government office	19.4	6.0
By mail from a government office	9.1	3.5
From a friend or relative	-	8.5
Other	15.3	4.1

Table 5
How Respondents First Became Aware of Guide

Source	1983 %	1986
Saw it on display	-	67.2
Told by friend or relative	27.4	19.0
Advertisement	11.4	3.2
Told by government official	9.9	2.6
Newspaper, radio or T.V. story	7.0	4.2
Other	44.3	3.8

iii) Use of Guide

Part of the success of the Guide program is the increasing public awareness and use of the Guides. This is indicated by the fact that 52% of the respondents to the 1983 questionnaire had obtained and used Guides prior to 1983, and 64.2% of the 1986 questionnaire respondents had made use of Guides prior to 1986. Figures 2a and 2b show the percentage of 1983 and 1986 respondents respectively, who had used the Guide in previous years. The Guide books became available in Brewers' Retail and L.C.B.O. stores starting in 1979, and this, plus a stronger promotional effort and a general awareness of the program, has helped to generate increased use of the Guides. The large number of first time users of the Guide (48% and 35.8% in 1983 and 1986 respectively) effectively shows the increased exposure of the Guide to more anglers.

iv) Fishing Frequency

In the 1986 questionnaire, the question was asked "How often did you go fishing in Ontario in 1985?" There was a variety of responses, but the most frequent responses were "more than once a week", and "once every 2 weeks". It was interesting to note that over 60% of the respondents fished once every 2 weeks or even more frequently. In the 1978 survey, a similar question revealled that only 38% fished this frequently. This increase in fishing frequency could be related to an increased public confidence about consuming sport fish, as a result of the guideline information availability in the Guides. Table 6 compares the fishing frequency responses between the two surveys.

v) Fishing Locations

In both 1983 and 1986, a tally was made of all lakes and rivers listed by the respondents in response to the question "What lakes and rivers in Ontario did you fish in 1982 (1985)?" As expected, the most frequently named water bodies for both surveys were Great Lakes, in particular Lakes Ontario, Huron and Erie.

FIGURE 2a

% PREVIOUS GUIDE USE BY 1983 GUIDE USERS

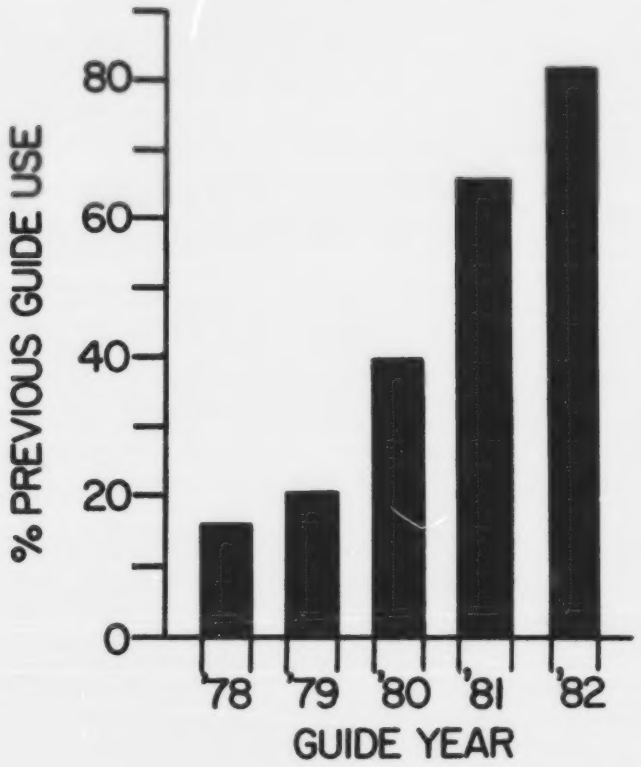


FIGURE 2b

% PREVIOUS GUIDE USE BY 1986 GUIDE USERS

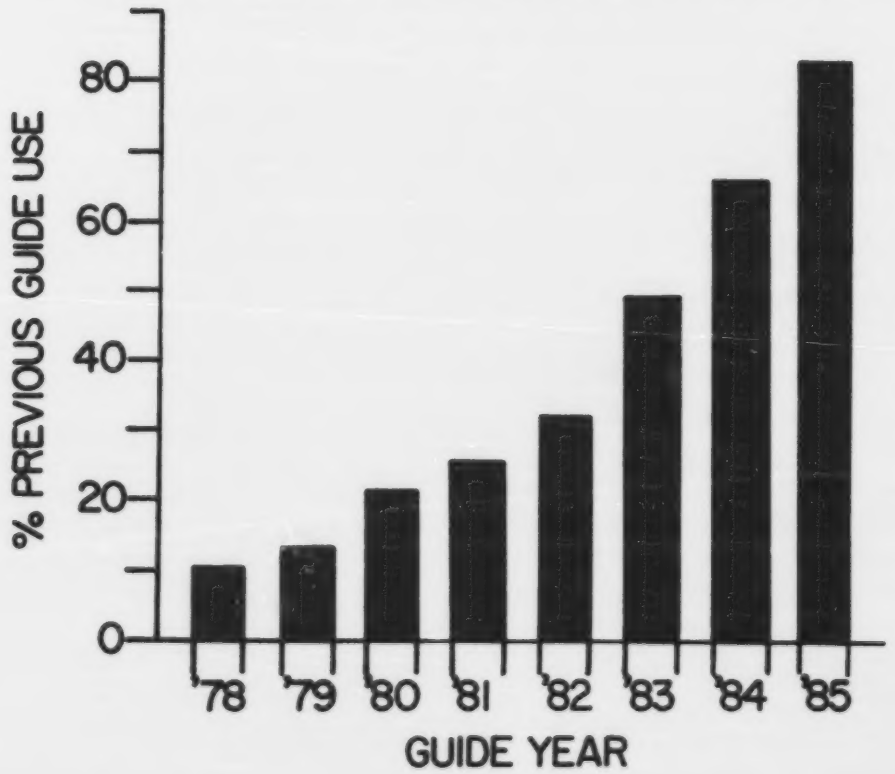


Table 6
Frequency of Fishing by Respondents to 1978 and 1986 Questionnaires

Fishing Frequency	% 1978	1986
Frequently (Daily, more than once a week, once a week, or once every 2 weeks)	38	60.4
Occasionally (Once a month or once every 4 months)	45	22.2
Once only or never	17	5.6
Other (e.g. during 2 week vacation)	-	11.8

Table 7
Relative Popularity of the Most Frequently Fished Lakes and Rivers in 1983 and 1986 Surveys

1983		1986	
Lake/River	Relative Popularity (%)	Lake/River	Relative Popularity (%)
1. Ten Most Popular Angling Areas			
1. Lake Ontario	26.2	1. Lake Ontario	22.5
2. Lake Huron, Georgian Bay	18.1	2. Lake Huron, Georgian Bay	20.2
3. Lake Erie	13.7	3. Lake Erie	13.5
4. Lake Simcoe	9.8	4. Lake Simcoe	10.1
5. Lake Nipissing	5.6	5. Grand River	6.9
6. St. Lawrence River	5.6	6. Credit River	6.5
7. Rice Lake	5.5	7. Ottawa River	5.8
8. Niagara River	5.3	8. Rice Lake	5.2
9. Saugeen River	5.3	9. Saugeen River	4.7
10. Lake Scugog	4.9	10. Lake Scugog	4.6
	100.0		100.0
2. Inland Lakes			
1. Lake Simcoe	24.4	1. Lake Simcoe	27.5
2. Lake Nipissing	14.0	2. Rice Lake	14.2
3. Rice Lake	13.6	3. Lake Scugog	12.5
4. Lake Scugog	12.2	4. Lake Nipissing	11.8
5. Pigeon Lake	7.5	5. Buckhorn Lake	7.8
6. Gull Lake	6.4	6. Pigeon Lake	7.6
7. Sturgeon Lake	6.1	7. Sturgeon Lake	5.4
8. Balsam Lake	5.4	8. Balsam Lake	4.9
9. Pike Lake	5.4	9. Stony Lake	4.2
10. Charleston Lake	5.0	10. Chemung Lake	4.1
	100.0		100.0
3. Great Lakes			
1. Lake Ontario	40.0	1. Lake Ontario	36.8
2. Lake Huron, Georgian Bay	27.7	2. Lake Huron, Georgian Bay	33.2
3. Lake Erie	20.9	3. Lake Erie	22.2
4. Lake St. Clair	7.2	4. Lake St. Clair	5.6
5. Lake Superior	4.2	5. Lake Superior	2.2
	100.0		100.0
4. Rivers			
1. St. Lawrence River	12.8	1. Grand River	14.7
2. Niagara River	12.2	2. Credit River	13.9
3. Saugeen River	12.2	3. Ottawa River	12.4
4. Credit River	10.2	4. Saugeen River	10.1
5. Grand River	10.2	5. French River	9.3
6. Trent River	9.9	6. Thames River	8.8
7. Thames River	9.2	7. Trent River	8.0
8. Ottawa River	8.5	8. Nottawasaga River	8.0
9. Rideau River	7.6	9. St. Lawrence River	7.8
10. Nottawasaga River	7.2	10. Rideau River	7.0
	100.0		100.0

Table 7 lists the 10 most commonly mentioned bodies of water, for both the 1983 and 1986 surveys, in three categories: the ten most popular angling areas, the inland lakes, and the rivers. As well, the Great Lakes in order of frequency are listed. In both surveys, it was noted that Lake Ontario was the most frequently fished of all the lakes mentioned and Lake Simcoe was easily the most frequently fished inland lake. The order of frequency of the Great Lakes remained the same for both surveys. Certain areas appear to remain popular with anglers and this is indicated by the fact that, in both surveys, seven of the top 10 most popular angling areas are the same (although in different frequencies), and the percent of the responses is quite similar for these locations. For the inland lakes, the top four in each survey were the same, although in a different order of frequency. The Kawartha Lakes chain appears to be very popular with anglers as five of the top 10 inland lakes in the 1983 survey were Kawartha Lakes as were eight of the top 10 in 1986. The popularity of certain rivers was again shown, as nine of the 10 most frequently fished rivers were named in both surveys, with the only change being the French River replacing the Niagara River in 1986. There were, however, marked changes in the order of frequency, with the Grand River replacing the St. Lawrence River as the most popular river, and the two most frequently mentioned rivers in 1983, the St. Lawrence and Niagara Rivers, were ninth and not in the top 10 rivers respectively in 1986.

vi) Fish Caught

A tally was also made in both surveys of the numbers of each fish species mentioned by the anglers as being caught and consumed. Table 8 shows the 10 most frequently mentioned species by the respondents to the 1983 and 1986 surveys. In the 1983 questionnaire, respondents wrote in the fish species, and some respondents replied just "Bass" or "Trout" instead of distinguishing between particular species. Since there were 193 respondents who indicated just "Bass", the actual smallmouth and largemouth bass totals should be higher, and the same applies to the trout totals for lake trout, rainbow trout and brook trout. This was corrected in the 1986 survey by listing the most popular

Table 8
Relative Popularity of the Ten Most Frequently Caught and Consumed Sport Fish Species

1983		1986	
Species	Relative Popularity (%)	Species	Relative Popularity (%)
1. Walleye	21.2	1. Walleye	16.2
2. Northern Pike	17.4	2. Smallmouth Bass	15.8
3. Yellow Perch	13.9	3. Yellow Perch	13.3
4. Smallmouth Bass	10.0	4. Northern Pike	13.0
5. "Bass"	9.6	5. Largemouth Bass	9.9
6. Lake Trout	7.6	6. Rainbow Trout	9.1
7. Rainbow Trout	6.5	7. Lake Trout	7.5
8. Largemouth Bass	5.7	8. Brook Trout	6.6
9. Brook Trout	5.5	9. Rock Bass	5.2
10. "Trout"	2.6	10. Whitefish	3.4
	100.0		100.0

species and providing boxes to be checked off, as well as providing a space for "other" responses. In comparing the two surveys, the walleye remained the most frequently caught and consumed sport fish. As well, the importance of the warm-water fishery in Ontario is indicated by the fact that in both surveys, the top five fish species consumed were warm-water species.

For comparative purposes, in the province-wide angling survey by the Ministry of Natural Resources entitled 1980 Surveys of Ontario's Resident and Non-Resident Sport Fishermen (3), the walleye was the top fish species by angler preference in every Ministry of Natural Resources district and the warm-water fish species headed the list of species caught. The similarity between these results suggest that the questionnaire respondents are representative of the province's angling population.

vii) Sport Fish Consumption

Respondents were asked in all three questionnaires how frequently they ate fish caught by angling from Ontario waters, and the results are shown in Figure 3. (There was no data for the once/week column in the 1978 results as this was not one of the choices offered). The results from the three surveys are quite similar, and for comparative purposes 62.6%, 59.7% and 57.8% of the respondents to the 1978, 1983, and 1986 questionnaires respectively consumed fish once a month or even less frequently. The most frequent response in all three surveys was once per month.

The 1983 and 1986 surveys asked the respondents how much fish caught by angling from Ontario waters they would eat at a single meal, and the results are compared in Figure 4. This figure shows a close similarity in meal size consumption between the two surveys. The majority of the respondents in both surveys (58.2% and 71.0% in 1983 and 1986 respectively) consumed 227 gm. (8 oz.) or more of fish per meal, and 227 gm. (8 oz.) was the most frequently mentioned meal size both times. The calculated mean meal size was also very similar, being 284 gm. (10.0 oz.) in

FIGURE 3

MEAL FREQUENCY OF FISH CAUGHT BY ANGLING

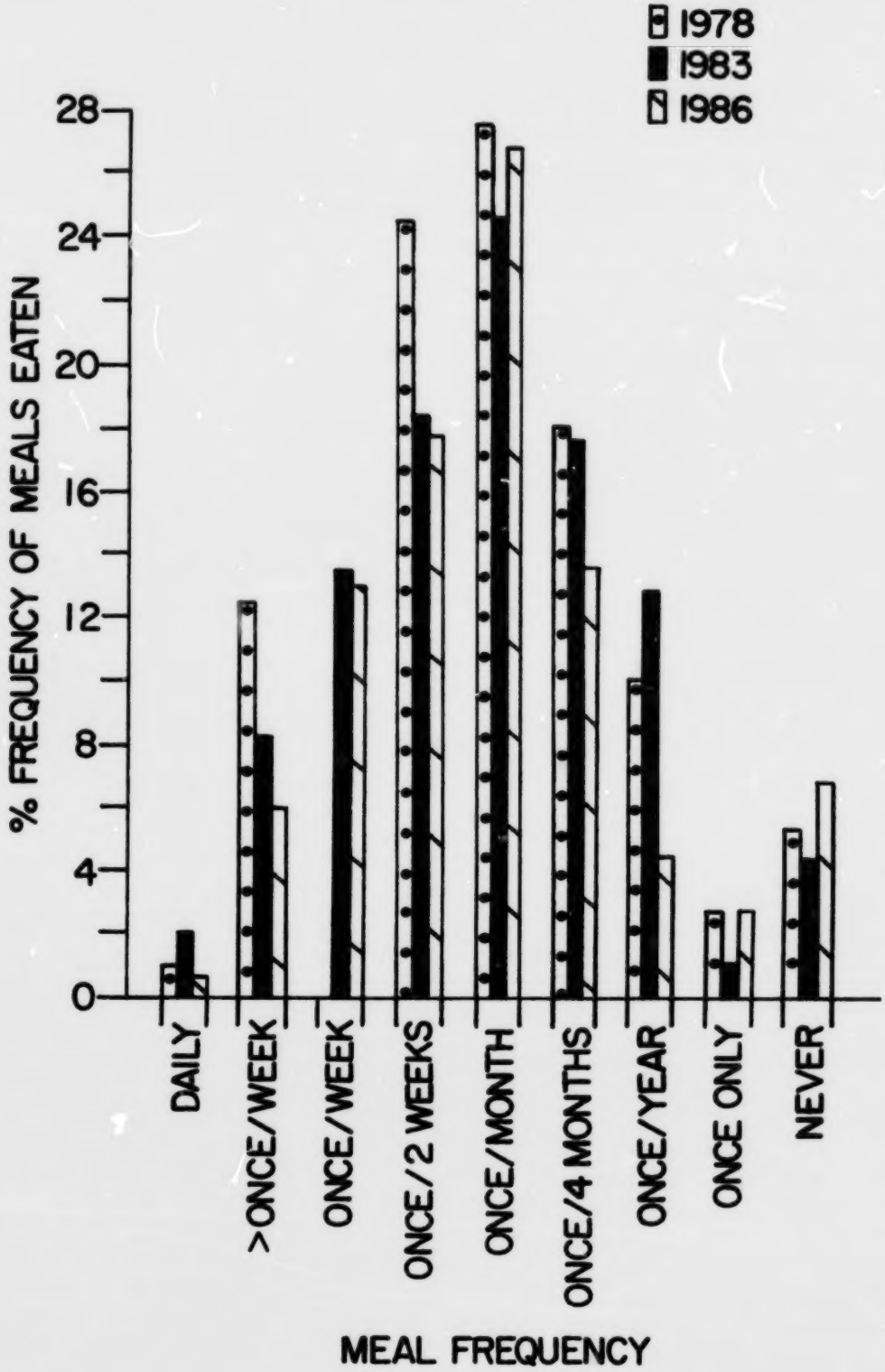
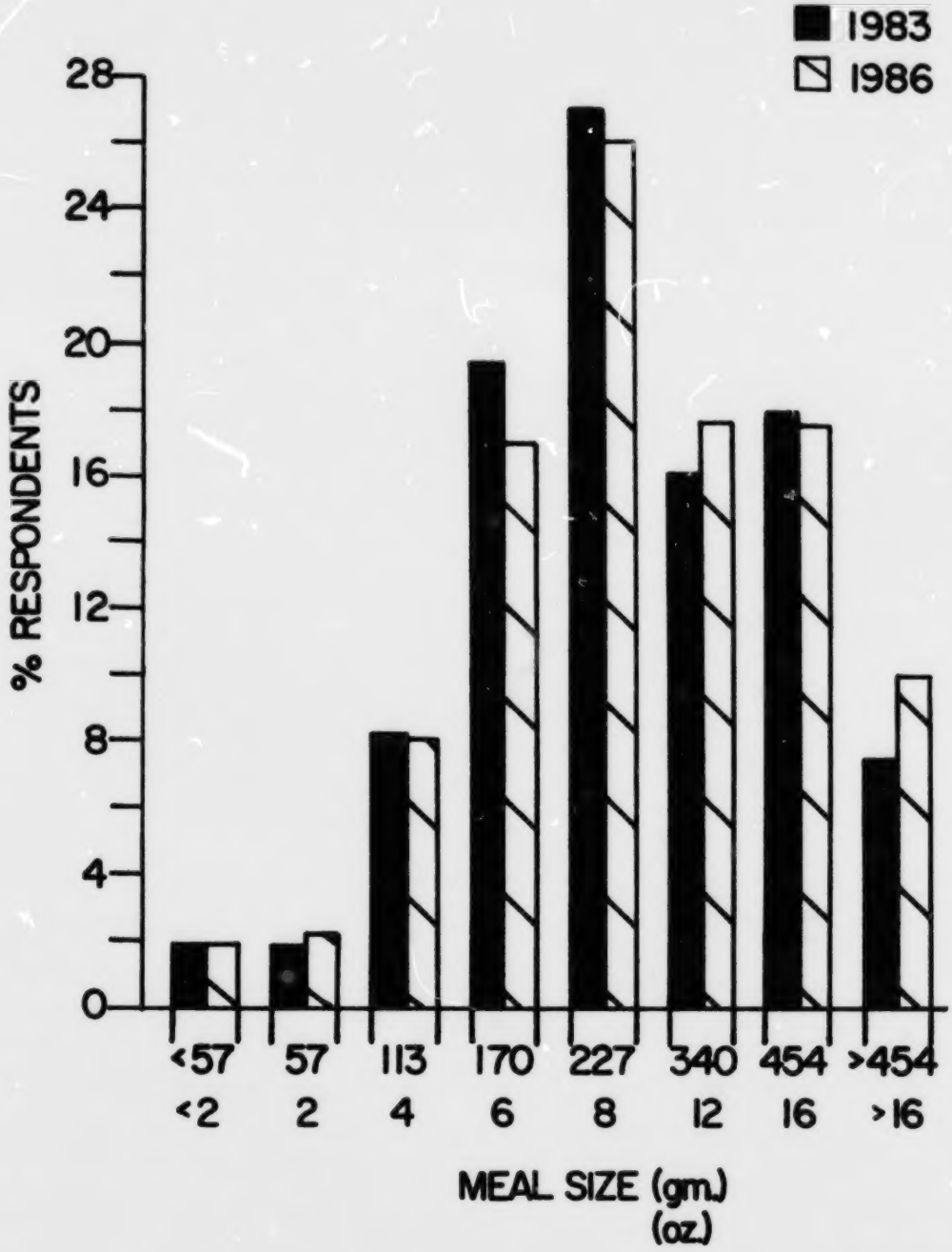


FIGURE 4

SINGLE MEAL SIZE CONSUMED



1983 and 295 gm. (10.4 oz.) in 1986. It should be noted that Canada's Food Guide considers a serving of fish as 60-90 gm. (2-3 oz.), while Health and Welfare Canada considers National Average consumption to be a 113 gm. (4 oz.) serving/week and the Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish considers a meal to be 227 gm. (8 oz.).

viii) Commercial Fish Consumption

In order to determine commercial fish consumption, the question was asked in both the 1983 and 1986 questionnaires "how often do you eat fish (freshwater or saltwater) purchased from a store?" A comparison of these results is shown in Figure 5. There was an increase in commercial fish consumption by respondents to the 1986 questionnaire, as 59.9% of respondents consumed commercial fish once a month or more frequently in 1983 and the comparable figure for 1986 was 70.7%. As with the sport fish consumption, the most frequent commercial fish consumption response in both surveys as once per month. In the 1986 survey, the question was asked: "How much fish purchased from a store would you eat at a single meal?", and the mean meal size was calculated to be 247 gm. (8.7 oz.), which is somewhat lower than the sport fish meal size. The most frequently mentioned meal size was 227 gm. (8 oz.), which is the same as the sport fish consumption.

In the 1986 survey, the additional question was asked "If you purchase fish from a store, please indicate which type(s) of fish you normally purchase". The 10 most frequent responses are listed in Table 9. It is interesting to note that the saltwater fish were consumed much more frequently than freshwater fish and were the six most frequently mentioned types. Tuna was the most frequently consumed, but the top six were all quite close in frequency. The most frequently consumed freshwater commercial fish, the rainbow trout, was consumed only about 40% as often as the more popular saltwater fish.

FIGURE 5

MEAL FREQUENCY OF FISH PURCHASED FROM A STORE

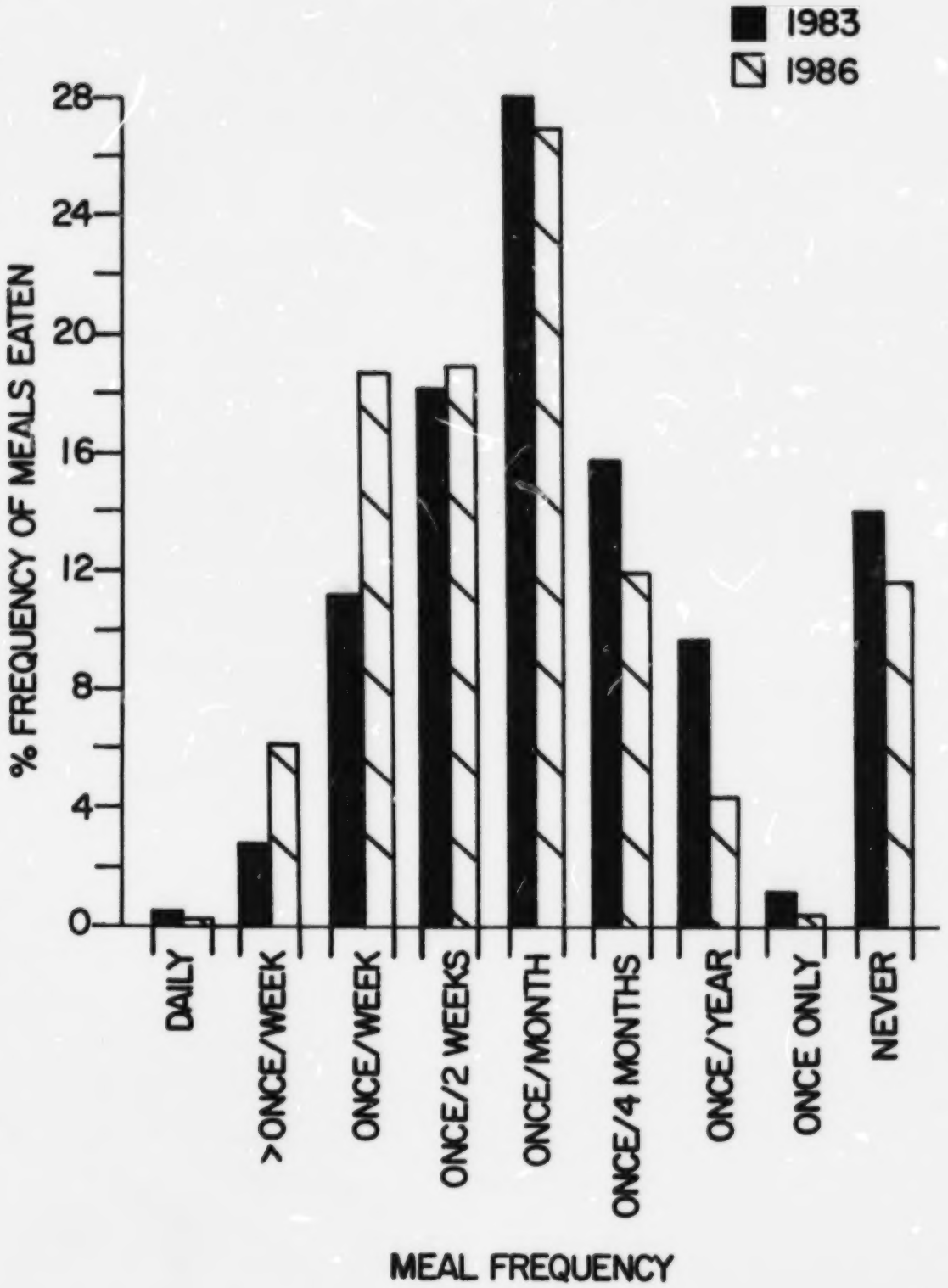


Table 9
Relative Popularity of the Ten Most Frequently Consumed
Commercial Fish by 1986 Survey Respondents

SPECIES OR TYPE	RELATIVE POPULARITY (%)
1. Tuna	14.8
2. Fish Sticks	14.4
3. Cod	14.2
4. Halibut	13.8
5. Haddock	13.3
6. Salmon	12.9
7. Rainbow Trout	5.6
8. Smelt	4.5
9. Yellow Perch	3.4
10. Whitefish	3.1
	100.0

A comparison of sport fish and commercial consumption frequencies between surveys shows that the sport fish consumption was greater than the commercial fish consumption in 1983, but the reverse occurred in 1986. Using the consumption frequency of once per month or greater, commercial fish consumption was 59.9% of respondents to the 1983 survey, while the sport fish was 64.8%. In 1986, the figures were 70.7% for commercial fish and 63.7% for sport fish. In both surveys, the proportion of respondents who never eat commercial fish was higher than those who never eat sport fish (14.0% to 4.3% respectively in 1983, and 11.6% to 6.5% respectively in 1986).

ix) Changes in Fishing and Fish-Consuming Habits

In all three surveys, the question was asked "has the information in this Guide led to a change in your fishing and/or fish-consuming habits?" The Guide information has proven to be useful to many of the respondents, as 53.7% of the 1983 respondents and 48.9% of the 1986 respondents indicated that they had changed their fishing and/or fish-consuming habits after using the Guide. The 1978 response was only 35.2%. However, this was the first year of the Guide, and with only 546 lakes tested, it is not surprising that the responses were higher in the two more recent surveys. The comments of those responding "yes" to this question were categorized into six general statements (Table 10). The most common response was an awareness of the fish contamination problem, and this response comprised 39.3% and 44.2% of the 1983 and 1986 survey results respectively. (For the 1978 survey, this was not categorized, as it was assumed that the respondents were aware of the fish contamination issue, since they had requested Guides based on a knowledge that there was a fish contamination problem. Consequently, the 1978 responses were divided up among the other five categories and will not compare as favourably as the latter two surveys). The awareness could include: the fact that there are contaminants in fish, that care in consumption is often needed, and, on a positive note, that more fish can be consumed than previously thought possible. Within this category, it was noted that 2.7% and 6.2% of the 1983 and 1986 respondents respectively found the

Table 10
Changes in Fishing and/or Fish-Consuming Habits

Response Category	%		
	1978	1983	1986
1. Awareness of fish contamination problem	-	39.3	44.2
2. Eating less fish	17.4	21.1	21.0
3. Eating fish within guidelines	49.1	18.2	15.0
4. Returning larger fish, eating smaller fish	18.8	10.8	10.6
5. Changing fishing locations	3.8	9.0	7.7
6. Stopped eating fish	10.9	1.6	1.5

Guide useful in determining fishing locations for various species. Although this is not one of the purposes of the Guide, it is interesting to note the number of anglers who do use the information in this respect. The remaining five categories were more specific responses, and it was noted that the percentage response for all six categories was quite similar for the last two surveys.

Although many of the respondents indicated that their fishing and fish-consuming habits hadn't changed after reading the Guide, it should not be assumed that the Guide was ineffective for these people. Unfortunately the majority of the people who responded "no" didn't comment as to why their habits remained unchanged, but of those who did comment, their most frequent reply was that they do not catch or eat enough fish to be concerned with the guidelines. Such comments as "Have never caught a fish big enough to be in the danger zone" and "Have not had the pleasure of landing a fish of size that worries me", indicate why their habits had not changed. Other reasons for a "no" response were: the areas in which they fished were not included in the Guide, that they were presently fishing in areas in which the fish were within the guidelines, and that they don't eat fish. As well, a number of the "no" responders had replied "no" to the question of whether the Guide listed the lakes and rivers they were interested in. Therefore, with no fish contaminant information available for their areas, their habits wouldn't change. It is the continuing intention of the Guide to provide more information to meet the information needs of the angling public in Ontario.

The importance of continuous use of the Guides in changing the respondents' fishing habits can be seen in some interesting results in the 1986 survey. It was found that 36.7% of the first time users of the Guide changed their fishing habits, while 54.6% of the previous Guide users indicated that the Guides had influenced changes in their fishing habits.

Some of the comments to this question have indicated that the Guide is very useful in making the angling public more aware of the problem of contamination in fish and also making them health-conscious enough to dictate their fishing habits according to the Guide information. As well, many anglers are using good conservation practices by keeping the smaller fish for consumption and returning the larger breeding stock. Also, many anglers are practicing catch and release as indicated in the Guide.

x) Suitability of the Guide

The question "Did the information in the Guide meet your needs?" was included in all three questionnaires, and the response was very positive in each case, with 86.1%, 85.9% and 90.1% respectively of the respondents answering "yes" in the three questionnaires.

Another favourable response was to the question asked in the 1986 survey: "Do you find the revised information text at the beginning of the Guide useful and informative?" A new "Trends in Contaminants in Ontario Sport Fish" section was added to the 1986 Guide in order to show some of the long term improvements in fish contaminant concentrations to the public in a readily-accessible publication. When this is combined with the other contaminant information, it is providing information which is being well-received by the angling public, as 90.3% responded favourably to this question. Only 0.8% of the respondents didn't find the information useful, and the remainder didn't read or had not yet read the text.

The question "Did it list the lakes and rivers you were interested in?" was asked in both the 1983 and 1986 surveys. In 1983, a positive response was received when 70.2% of the respondents replied "yes". In 1986, the answers were further broken down to "all", "most", "some" and "none" to give the responders who may be uncertain a greater variety of options. These results were also encouraging as 33.7% replied "all", 44.9% replied "most", 19.5% replied "some" and only 1.9% replied "none". Considering that there are over 250,000 lakes and uncounted rivers in Ontario and the impossibility of sampling them all, it indicates the value of the Guide to the majority of its users, by covering the most popularly fished waters.

Beginning in 1985, the Northern and Southern Ontario Guides were combined in one edition, so it was decided to check on the public's response to this change. The question was asked "Do you prefer having one combined Guide for all of Ontario?", and 89.7% indicated that they favoured the combined Guide. This was a major change when it was introduced, and it is encouraging to have such a favourable response, as distribution of a combined Guide is much more convenient and economical.

xi) Comments

The respondents were given opportunities to make comments or suggestions in four of the questions in the 1983 and 1986 questionnaires. First of all, they were asked to suggest additional lakes or rivers to be tested, and many suggestions were received. A list was compiled and will be considered when future sampling locations are selected.

As well, as previously mentioned in Section IX, comments were given in response to changes in fishing and/or fish-consuming habits and those people who indicated their habits had changed made a number of interesting comments.

The question was asked in the last two surveys "In your opinion, in what way could this Guide be improved?" A large number of comments were received and categorized, and they gave a good idea of the changes that the public would like to see in future Guides. The most frequent request was for more water bodies and fish species to be sampled, and other frequent suggestions included the use of maps, recipes, general fish information (such as bait, lures, habitat, etc.) coloured fish pictures, inclusion of the fishing regulations, and more Guide distribution sites.

The final statement in both the 1983 and 1986 surveys was "We would appreciate any other comments you may have on this program and publication". Fortunately, many people made comments to this statement, and the vast majority were very favourable. The comments for the 1983 survey were listed in Appendix III of the report Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish Questionnaire Results published in May 1985. The 1986 survey included such comments as the following two: "This book is like a fisherman's Bible. Thank you for the information, much needed. These books should be in every fish box" and "I applaud both Ministries for extensive testing and distribution of vital information! The Trends section shows generally lowering levels of contaminants - keep up the good work! This program and Guide represent my tax dollars well-spent!! Bravo!!" These comments serve to further re-affirm that the Guides serve a very worthwhile purpose as a source of needed information to the angling and fish-consuming public. Because there were a variety of interesting comments made by the respondents in the 1986 survey, the entire verbatim list of comments is included in Appendix IV.

xii) Conclusion

The various results of the questionnaires, including the increased annual use and the number of favourable comments, indicate that the "Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish" has become an important reference to many anglers, who appreciate both its information and its format, and there is a definite need to continue serving the public in the future with this useful information.

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APPENDICES

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APPENDIX I

I 1978 Questionnaire Questions

1. Which publication(s) did you receive?

   Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish
   - Northern Ontario
   - Southern Ontario
   - Great Lakes

2. a. Was the information you received, easy to understand?

   Yes
   No
   Did not read it

   b. Did you understand the fish symbol system in the booklet(s)?

   Yes
   No

   c. Did the information meet your needs?

   Yes
   No

   d. What, if anything, can be done to improve the booklets?

3. What lakes/rivers do you fish in Ontario?

4. How often do you fish?

Daily	Once every four months
More than once a week	Yearly
Once every two weeks	Only once
Monthly	Never

5. How often do you eat fish from these lakes/rivers?

Daily	Once every four months
More than once a week	Yearly
Once every two weeks	Only once
Monthly	Never

6. Has the information you received led to any changes in your fishing habits?

   Yes
   No
   Please explain:

7. What is your age?

Under 15 15 to 25 25 to 45 Over 45

Sex

Male
Female

Education

Primary School
Secondary School
College/University

8. Your personal comments on the effectiveness, the advantages or disadvantages of the Ontario Fish Contaminants Information Program would be appreciated.

APPENDIX II
1983 QUESTIONNAIRE

"Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish" Survey, 1983

The Ministry of the Environment would appreciate your co-operation in completing and returning this questionnaire so that we can improve the effectiveness of the Fish Contaminant Information Program.

1. How did you obtain your 1983 "Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish?
   ☐ By mail ☐ From Govt. Office ☐ Brewer's Retail Store
   ☐ L.C.B.O. Store ☐ Other _____

2. How did you become aware of the Guide Book?
   ☐ Newspaper Advertisement ☐ Newspaper, Radio or T.V. Story
   ☐ Told by Govt. official ☐ Told by friend or relative
   ☐ Other _____

3. Which Guide(s) do you have?
   ☐ Northern Ont. and Upper Great Lakes
   ☐ Southern Ont. and Great Lakes ☐ Both

4. a) Have you obtained and used "Guides" in previous years?
   ☐ Yes ☐ No
   b) If yes, which year(s)
   ☐ 1978 ☐ 1979 ☐ 1980 ☐ 1981 ☐ 1982

5. a) Do you go fishing in Ontario? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   b) What lakes and rivers in Ontario did you fish in 1982? _____

6. What species and numbers of fish did you catch, keep and eat in 1982?

7. How frequently do you eat fish caught by angling from Ontario waters?
   ☐ Daily ☐ More than once a week ☐ Once a week
   ☐ Once every two weeks ☐ Once a month
   ☐ Once every 4 months ☐ Once a year ☐ Once only ☐ Never

8. How frequently do you eat fish purchased from a store?
   ☐ Daily ☐ More than once a week ☐ Once a week
   ☐ Once every two weeks ☐ Once a month
   ☐ Once every 4 months ☐ Once a year ☐ Once only ☐ Never

9. How much fish would you eat at a single meal?
   ☐ Less than 2 oz. (57 g) ☐ 2 oz. (57 g) ☐ 4 oz. (113 g)
   ☐ 6 oz. (170 g) ☐ 8 oz. (227 g) ☐ 12 oz. (340 g)
   ☐ 1 pound (454 g) ☐ More than 1 lb. (454 g)

10. a) What is your age?
    ☐ Under 15 years ☐ 15 – 25 years
    ☐ 26 – 45 years ☐ Over 45 years
    b) Sex? ☐ Male ☐ Female

11. Resident of ☐ Ontario ☐ Another Province _____
    ☐ the USA State _____

12. a) Did the information in this Guide meet your needs? ☐ Yes ☐ No
    b) Did it list the Lakes or Rivers you were interested in?
    ☐ Yes ☐ No
    c) If no, could you suggest additional lakes for testing?

13. a) Has the information in this Guide led to a change in your fishing and fish-consuming habits? ☐ Yes ☐ No
    b) In what way? _____

14. In your opinion, in what way could this publication be improved?

15. We would appreciate any other comments you may have on this program and publication.

APPENDIX III
1986 QUESTIONNAIRE

"GUIDE TO EATING ONTARIO SPORT FISH"
1986 QUESTIONNAIRE

The Ministry of the Environment would appreciate your co-operation in completing and returning this postage-free questionnaire. Your answers and comments will enable us to improve the effectiveness of the Fish Contaminant Information Program.

1 a) What is your age? ( ) Under 15 years ( ) 15-25 years
( ) 26-45 years ( ) over 45 years

b) Sex? ( ) Male ( ) Female

2 Resident of ( ) Northern Ontario ( ) Southern Ontario
( ) Another Province _____ ( ) The U S A State _____

3 How did you obtain your 1986 "Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish"?
( ) By mail from a Govt Office ( ) At a Govt Office
( ) Brewer's Retail Store ( ) L C B O Store
( ) From a Friend or Relative ( ) Other _____

4 How did you first become aware of the Guide Book?
( ) Advertisement ( ) Newspaper, Radio or TV Story
( ) Told by Govt Official ( ) Told by Friend or Relative
( ) Saw it on display ( ) Other _____

5 a) Have you obtained and used the Guides in previous years?
( ) Yes ( ) No

b) If yes, which year(s)
( ) 1978 ( ) 1979 ( ) 1980 ( ) 1981
( ) 1982 ( ) 1983 ( ) 1984 ( ) 1985

6 a) How often did you go fishing in Ontario in 1985?
( ) Daily ( ) More than once a week ( ) Once a week
( ) Once every 2 weeks ( ) Once a month ( ) Once every 4 months
( ) Once only ( ) Never
( ) Other (example: during a 2 week vacation): _____

b) What lakes and rivers in Ontario did you fish in 1985?

i) Lakes _____
_____
_____
_____

ii) Rivers _____
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_____

7. What species of fish did you catch, keep and eat in 1985?

( ) Walleye	( ) Coho Salmon	( ) Channel Catfish
( ) Northern Pike	( ) Chinook Salmon	( ) Bullhead
( ) Yellow Perch	( ) Lake Trout	( ) Carp
( ) Smallmouth Bass	( ) Rainbow Trout	( ) Sucker
( ) Largemouth Bass	( ) Brook Trout	( ) Rock Bass
( ) Muskie	( ) Brown Trout	( ) Sunfish
( ) Whitefish	( ) Splake	( ) Crappie

( ) Others _____

8 How often did you eat fish caught by angling from Ontario waters?
( ) Daily ( ) More than once a week ( ) Once a week
( ) Once every 2 weeks ( ) Once a month ( ) Once every 4 months
( ) Once a year ( ) Once only ( ) Never
( ) Other (example: daily during 2 week vacation): _____
_____

9 How much fish caught by angling from Ontario waters would you eat at a single meal?
( ) Less than 2 oz (57g) ( ) 2 oz (57g) ( ) 4 oz (113g)
( ) 6 oz (170g) ( ) 8 oz (227g) ( ) 12 oz (340g)
( ) 1 lb (454g) ( ) More than 1 lb (454g)

10 a) How often do you eat fish (freshwater or saltwater) purchased from a store?

( ) Daily ( ) More than once a week ( ) Once a week
( ) Once every 2 weeks ( ) Once a month ( ) Once every 4 months
( ) Once a year ( ) Once only ( ) Never
( ) Other (please specify) _____

b) If you purchase fish from a store, please indicate which type(s) of fish you normally purchase

( ) Yellow Perch ( ) Walleye ( ) Rainbow Trout ( ) Lake Trout
( ) Whitefish ( ) Smelt ( ) Salmon ( ) Tuna
( ) Cod ( ) Halibut ( ) Haddock ( ) Fish sticks
( ) Others _____

11 How much fish purchased from a store would you eat at a single meal?

( ) Less than 2 oz (57g) ( ) 2 oz (57g) ( ) 4 oz (113g)
( ) 6 oz (170g) ( ) 8 oz (227g) ( ) 12 oz (340g)
( ) 1 lb (454g) ( ) More than 1 lb (454g)

12 a) Did the information provided in this Guide meet your needs?

( ) Yes ( ) No

b) Did it list the lakes and rivers you were interested in?

( ) All ( ) Most ( ) Some ( ) None

c) Could you suggest additional lakes or rivers to be tested?

_____
_____

13 a) Has the information in this Guide led to a change in your fishing and/or fish-consuming habits? ( ) Yes ( ) No

b) In what way? _____
_____
_____
_____

14 Beginning in 1985, the Northern and Southern Ontario Guides were combined in one edition. Do you prefer having one combined Guide for all of Ontario? ( ) Yes ( ) No

15 Do you find the revised information text at the beginning of the Guide useful and informative? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Didn't read

16 In your opinion, in what way could the Guide be improved?

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_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

17. We would appreciate any other comments you may have on this program and publication

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Thank you for taking the time to assist us in this program.

APPENDIX IV
1986 QUESTIONNAIRE COMMENTS

The following are verbatim comments in reply to the statement: "We would appreciate any other comments you may have on this program and publication." (Please note that these comments were not corrected for grammatical or spelling errors). The questionnaires were numbered as they were received and when a number is missing, there was no comment given by the respondent.

Reply No.	
1.	The staff of your Sarnia office were very pleasant and helpful in answering my questions.
2.	It would be nice to know where largest fish of each species was caught each year. It would also be nice to know if certain species of fish have been stocked anywhere and how they have managed.
3.	Just keep up the good work.
5.	Test on muskies in Rice Lake.
8.	Excellent, only wish other provinces would have some.
13.	Add open and closing seasons of different fish.
15.	Excellent book.
16.	Keep up the good work!
17.	Very good information.
19.	Seems to be OK - unable to fish personally since 1970 since living in Toronto. In Kingston had lots, Bass Lake etc. and a good Scout time.
21.	I believe the illustrations in this book are useful, yet I don't believe that the picture of the Coho Salmon is a very good illustration.
22.	The publication is a very good idea, but there would be no need for such a book if you concentrated your efforts on cleaning the lakes instead of studying the levels of pollution. Nothing so important is impossible!!!
25.	Good book, every fisherman should have one.
26.	I think it is a good idea to make this guide.
27.	I just hope all the information is as accurate as possible. Keep up the good work.
31.	I hope it is continued in the years to come as I find it most helpful and informative and have used the guide for 9 years and would surely miss it if it is discontinued.

Reply No.	
32.	Strong laws and penalties for pollution and poaching.
35.	Obviously Canadians from Ontario are leaders as usual. Quietly helpful.
37.	More awareness of the effect of motor boats on fish. A list of lakes where motor boats are not allowed, e.g. Grenadier Pond, Toronto.
38.	I found the discussion on contaminants interesting and was pleased that gov't action has reduced contaminant levels.
40.	I think that it is a great idea and that more people should be aware of it for their own safety. It is upsetting to flip through and see an increasing amount of blacked-out symbols, especially with the added fact that most people don't care and that more and more pollution is being pumped out each day.
41.	I would appreciate if you would check the type of poulousian that is in the Nation River starting at St. André in Quebec to Ottawa River. Thank you.
42.	For my purpose, this guide is O.K.
43.	Helpful yes. But it is to much like a government publication. Do a better job on the cover and more people would pick it up and at least thumb it.
44.	An excellent programme and handbook. Informative, especially identifying fish species.
45.	This publication is not available when trout season opens. Thank goodness the Grand River and Lake Erie are both slowly getting back to near normal.
46.	Add another 1000 lakes and river, I no thats a lot to ask but I see nothing else wrong with this publication. I'm very pleased with the book, I'm from Hamilton and try to go fishing as much as poseball, its nice to eat and what not too.
47.	Book is excellent on information on eating fish in Ontario and types of fish found in the lakes and rivers.
51.	I applaud the Ministry for keeping tourists and local consumers informed in this manner.
53.	I really appreciate the effort. In my area people think the Grand River is filthy, yet most fish are uncontamited. On the other hand, popular holiday spots like Lake Muskoka, Restoule etc. have high contaminant levels - we would have no other way of knowing.

Reply No.	
54.	The only thing I would like to see done is a little more concern shown, and something done about the more problimed areas. I feel that this program is a good step but far from the answer.
56.	Very informative guide to eating fish in Ontario, and general fish info.
58.	Much appreciated. Thank you.
63.	Very good publication.
64.	I am happy with it.
66.	I think it's a very good book and hope to see it every year.
67.	A good example of where gov't money goes to use.
70.	Could you please make more guides of different provinces, because I fish around Quebec also.
71.	Keep it up.
72.	Just keep it up, thanks a lot.
75.	It is fine for now for me and my fishing buddies.
76.	Your guide has taught me more than I ever knew about a sport I love. It gives me information right out of my tackle box. I removed all barbs off my hooks a few years ago, so someone else can catch and eat them. Keep up the good work.
79.	Be more specific as to health hazards in eating contaminated fish.
81.	I would like more info. on region around Burlington Beach - there are more than rainbow smelt caught there.
82.	It is extremely encouraging to know of the decreased levels in certain areas and to know that some of our tax dollars are being utilized this way - keep it up and let's maintain our increasing desire to restore our environment to a healthy one - Great work.
83.	Would it be possible to do a study similar to this on small game of Southern Ontario, that could be available to hunters.
85.	Do not change anything except keep it up to date. I've read this guide for the first time, exceptionally well put together. Thank you.

Reply No.	
86.	This publication and all the others before are good, and tell you all you need to know. The program has come along good.
87.	I like it the way it is. Easy to read.
89.	I am very pleased with the guide and think more people should read it and be aware of the facts.
92.	Great book and it is free!
93.	Break down of areas in separate small books as in covering the hunting regulations zone wise.
94.	Excellent.
97.	More more use of diagrams to show how the fish are changing year to year. As in, are the fish getting cleaner or dirtier. Show it for more testing areas. Also, a list of "Dead - no fish" lakes would help shock the fishing public into supporting environmental programmes better.
98.	I find this guide very informative - a job very well done.
99.	Thank you very much for a great job done by Ministry.
101.	Very good.
104.	You have done a good job now. Get a Hamilton Steel Co.'s to clean the Hamilton Bay faster.
106.	Keep up the good work. Enjoyable reading too. I would thank you all much better worded than the 1986 Census of Canada!
110.	It's a pain having to skip over french sections.
113.	I think it is fine as it is.
117.	Excellent.
120.	Having a survey such as this is a good idea. It would probably be a good move to have a survey or questionnaire of some sort in every issue every year.
122.	Really opened my eyes - wasn't aware that such a thorough and comprehensive study had been underway for so long - can now go fishing again with knowledge that it's not as bad as I thought. (But you do need a new publicity man).
124.	Very informative.

Reply No.

125. Despite advertising, everyone does not know of the guide. If angling licenses come into effect a guide should be handed out with each. Most people are not aware of all your publications that are available.

126. Since I don't eat fish caught in Ontario, Guide is irrelevant but interesting, especially fish identification illustrations in the index at back.

128. Thank you for the Guide.

129. Local area media should produce weekly bulletins in regards to what size and how much fish it is safe to consume all through the open season to make residents, visitors and newcomers aware of dangers or problems.

130. Keep up the good work.

132. If the Ministry of Environment would enforce the necessary laws, this book wouldn't be necessary. To poison Ontario's beautiful lakes and rivers is shameful, and an international tragedy.

133. I think it's helpful, but I regret that you do not spend more time and money preventing fish contamination, rather than merely chronicling its disastrous effects.

134. I think it is a very good guide. This book seems to help me a lot.

136. Keep it coming - in this day and age it is a must for reasons of health.

137. Although it would make for a thick book, I would like to see the regulations and regional seasons included. As well, I would like to see this useful book available earlier in the season.

138. I think it is great. I would like to know more about the effects on children under 15 and child-bearing women who may eat the odd meal. How serious is this?

139. The guide is good, just clean up the waters.

142. I'm satified with the book right now.

143. These books have help me a lot in eating fish. I will probily start eating more fish thanks to this guide.

144. As I am very interested in the environment, the book helps me to think that some day my grandchildren may still have clean lakes and safe fish to eat.

Reply No.	
145.	I suggest and believe that more action should be taken to stop pollution of Natural Environment (Air, Water, Soil). This is only possible by educating public and introduction of thougher regulations by all levels of governments. We need more programs on TV, Media, Seminars, presentations at schools. If the old generation is finished! lets teach new generations to help make this world a better place to live. Thank you.
146.	I applaud both Ministries for the extensive testing, and free distribution of vital information! The Trend section shows generally lowering levels of contaminants - keep up the good work! This program and Guide represent my tax dollars well-spent!! Bravo!!
147.	Keep up the good work!
148.	Personally I find this Guide very informative and I appreciate the work which must be involved. Thank you.
149.	I thank the Ministry for there effort in cleaning up our waters.
151.	I would like to know if the age of the fish has any factor in your research.
152.	I think this is a good thing, but are we taking control of the problem or just learning how to measure it? Hopefully we can eliminate it.
154.	Could there be a feeding time table included?
155.	I think that this program is essential and should be continued and actually expanded despite the cost. I am glad to see a truly serious examination of the condition of our lakes and streams.
156.	The fishing season for bass and walleye are to short.
158.	You cover contaminates that could be harmful to man yet what of contaminates that are annilating our fish stock in wild lakes (i.e Acid Rain!).
159.	Excellent! Information well written and presented. Enjoyed reading first part. Good background info. and "scientific" guidelines.
161.	I would like to see one lake a week in major papers to show the people the condition and welfare of that lake and lakes in Ontario. Make people aware! water is one of our better resources.

Reply No.

162. Bigger, more, more funds, stop government cutbacks, expand services. More shows like TVO's "Fish On" Program, include no inpact camping and boating etc.!!! Stop portage and canoe trail cutbacks!!! No mining and hunting in parks!!! Ban gill nets.

163. My feelings is that it is right now and don't need much in proving just keep on testing for things in the waters of Ontario.

167. This is an excellent book - compliments to all those who work to bring this information to the public.

168. I feel that your survey is uncomplete and inacurate pertaining to the fish caught in the lakes listed in your Southern Ontario Guide. The reason I say this is from personal experience on these lakes, and would like to see an update on these lakes.

169. I always keep the book in my tackle box for easy reference.

170. I like it. Its nice and clear, easy to use and understand, it serves my purpose. Thank you for the good work you have done. It's appreciated. Hope you keep on doing it.

171. It is very good.

172. A-OK.

178. This is an excellent publication; general section is especially educational, material is well organized. While I don't eat fresh water fish now, I find the eating guide well presented. I don't fish and don't believe that fish should be taken unless it will be eaten (Exception: fishing by 8 year old (or so) fishermen) I am interested in nature and wildlife in general and in conservation. I know and can identify all the species in the book. Latin names are useful. I have recognized "rock bass" under another name; live and learn. Thank you.

179. Tell me where to catch them. Clean up our water!!!

180. I feel the fishing licsence for rec. fishing comming up next year is a real joke. This money will only be used down east to acom. S. Ontario. I will not consider getting one because N. Ontario has always supported the South but no more.

183. It is a very good book. I can plan my vacation around the lakes.

Reply No.	
184.	More testing done on rivers.
186.	It's great.
188.	A very worthwhile publication. A must for every angler who eats what he catches.
189.	I hope some day that this type of program and pollution aren't necessary. Perhaps governments should be more forceful in controlling polluters of our waterways.
191.	I think this is a great book and I think there should be more done to clean our lakes and rivers.
192.	Very informative.
194.	Thank you for raising community awarenesss of pollution.
195.	Good job keep it up!
196.	Keep up the good work!
199.	I like the book and think it is one of the better program Ontario spend money on.
201.	Keep up the great work!! Thank you.
202.	Made me aware of chemical pollution draining into rivers and lakes especially from farms and farm produce is also a favourite of mine.
203.	Keep it comeing.
207.	I really wonder what kind of chemicals enter my system when I eat fish I catch. Even though levels are said to be "safe" I still hesitate to eat fish. The big question is how safe are your "safe" levels of toxins.
208.	The guide help in determine the fish you want to catch and which lakes are good to fish in.
209.	The program and publication are a great idea, and I hope very much that they will continue. Thanks for the information.
211.	I find this book very informative and use it when planning most fishing trips to new places. Keep up the good work.
215.	It is perfect!
216.	For me, I think it is excellent.
217.	I do believe it is a great guide to have. I intend to get mine as long as it shall be published. I think it is a great thing that is being done to help in the knowledge of clean lakes.

Reply No.	
219.	Seemed to be OK for the book's intended purpose.
220.	Thanks for informing us now, not later on.
221.	Thank you for publishing this guide. It has been very usefull.
226.	As an outdoorsman who likes fishing for both pleasure and eating, I would like to thank you for making this guide available to the general public. I'm sure it's helping to make people more aware that we have to look after our rivers and lakes. Thanks alot.
228.	The guide supplies all the information that I personally require. Until 1984, I did not know that this guide existed. It should be comercially advertised.
229.	Just the fact that it is published is a plus. I thank all the people involved very much. I like to take my share of gamefish, but I am also concerned enough people don't care about concervation. I think poaching laws should be much more severe and enforced a great deal more.
232.	Very informative. Well satisfied with publication.
235.	I would hope more public awareness is instilled to protect waterways, especially close to cities. Example: in Ajax, Duffins Creek is popular but is rapidly being surronded by industrial buildings.
239.	The sharp differences between contaminants in fish of the same salmonid species in adjacent areas of the Great Lakes is confusing. Are commercial catches all "safe"? e.g. Fishing Islands verus Saugeen River. This seems unbelievable.
241.	In my opinion this guide is very helpful and no need for improvements is needed as of yet.
244.	Very good book!!!!!
249.	Fish ID page very helpful!
250.	Keep up the excellent work.
251.	Information is scary but necessary.
252.	I believe that this is a very good and informative publication. Keep it up!

Reply No.	
253.	Very useful and informative. This information is very much appreciated on behalf of myself and other anglers. Thank you.
257.	Where can you purchase freshwater fish in Ontario.
258.	Larger supplies so it would be easier to obtain - or mailed directly to your home.
259.	A very interesting study albeit rather expensive, I imagine.
260.	I think the program is very worthwhile.
262.	Keep publication it!
263.	I cannot think of anything, it's a good book!
265.	This book is one of the best yet.
266.	Thanks for the Guide.
267.	You state that fish are tested for various chemicals maybe (2) or a (3) or a (6) but then specify that it may not contain these chemicals. I think you could clarify this better. Great book.
268.	Found the publication to be very informative and believe it will more broadly educate the public as to their environment and natural resources.
272.	Good work. Very informative.
273.	Great idea, very helpful. Money well spent.
274.	I think it is a good idea to publish these books and send them all over Ontario.
277.	The Guide I find is very good in all areas. Please keep up the good work.
278.	Overall I find the publication useful. I plan on using it as a reference to fish areas and fish types I didn't realize existed in certain areas. Keep up the good work.
282.	I believe fisherman in Ontario should pay licence fees used only for polution problems and fish hatcherys. Also conservation officers, more of them.
285.	Is there any variations of pollution during the four seasons in the same waters?

Reply No.	
286.	A section on stockings in larger lakes in Ont. such as Simcoe, Georgen Bay and the Great Lakes.
287.	Thank you for a very helpful and informative publication. I hope it was free, I just took it assuming it was. I'll make good use of the book.
288.	Thank you! for providing the programme.
289.	I think the Water Resources Branch is performing great (for all of us). But I still witness big business polluting weekly and I wonder about O.M.E. power to prevent such polution for profit. If you can publish a phone no. in a paper so I can report polution problems, I would at least feel I tried my best to keep fishing (good fishing).
292.	Make sure the license fees go to research and stocking of lake if a fee is imposed.
294.	To go to all the expense and trouble to publish this book, it leads me to believe that things are in worse shape that meets the eye.
296.	A very usefull book. A must for every tackle box, especially if young people or children are eating the fish. In the past I have eaten a lot of fish caught in Ont., I am not fishing as must now.
298.	Persuade N.Y. State to do the same for places like Sodus Bay. Mention the 6 month holiday restrictions on back cover if max. consumption levels are to be approached.
299.	I am 10 and it helped me get an A+ in my project and it helped me to be a good fisherman. Thank you.
300.	It is a good book.
301.	I think it would be a good idea to add the fishing regulations to this guide.
305.	I think this is very informative and helps fisherman be aware of pullution in different lakes and rivers.
306.	Good program: Could be a little more specific all around.
307.	Smaller regional publications might be cheaper.
308.	Excellent.

Reply No.	
309.	If economically possible - colour pictures of fish species would offer clearer identification.
310.	Could you include the best recomended lure or bait for each fish? (Thank you).
311.	Stop killing the fish due to pollution, stock and breed fish in lakes that do not have any fish; enforce seasonal rules and regulations to the fullest.
313.	Could you put a map of Ontario in the book. Thank you.
315.	Leave it the way it is. Great book. List lakes from cleanest (eat any fish any length) to the most polluted (never eat).
316.	Let's get after the polluters with higher fines and jail sentances.
317.	Pleased; keep up the good work, although I would like to see on all hunting and fishing publications, ads against poaching and negligent sportsmanship.
320.	List all the fish we would eat. I mean all species.
323.	I think this book is a very good source of information.
324.	This program is essential. More effort should be made to present this vital information to general public.
326.	A great publication.
331.	Possibly advise pH of lakes and rivers or the degree away from the norm.
333.	The money spent on this guide would be better used in fish stocking.
335.	Very good information.
339.	Make it easier to remove this section.
343.	Look forward to new publications each year. Have noticed in general especially Lake Erie levels have fallen and fish much cleaner. Would like to see more dollars spent on stocking Lake Erie and shutting down commercial fleet in Port Dover.
349.	Excellent.
350.	Generally very satisfied.

Reply No.	
356.	Keep up the good work. This book is an excellent Guide.
358.	Distribute more books in more places to reach more people. Stop commercial fishermen. Reduce air, water pollution by industry.
360.	I like the price!
361.	Keep up the good work! The book's great!
363.	This is a very informative consumer product - keep it up! Guide doesn't need improvement - water quality does!! Advertise the annual release of this document in major papers and sports magazines and T.V. stations in Canada (Ontario).
367.	The weight in lbs. of fish as well as in. and cm. would be a help.
370.	I feel the government is doing a great service in supplying we anglers with such a guide. Keep it up!
371.	When Alan Pope was the minister of national resources many sports fishermen requested that Splake commercial fishing be abolished as this programme is taxpayers money and should be kept as such for the taxpayer and not sold back to us!
374.	Will 1987 license fees for Ontario residents (part or all) be allocated to this program? Keep up the good work!
376.	Would like to know which lake are stocked by the Govt.
377.	Excellent book, good idea. Hope it gets better in future.
379.	Obviously we must do something so our sport can continue for our children.
380.	Perhaps a very small section on regulations (only basics, I know there are other publications for specific rules). Other than that, very good!
381.	This Guide has changed my fishing habits and consumption. I find it informative and knowledgably written. I thank-you for the information provided. Money wisely spent by the Ontario Gov't.
382.	Show illustrations on how to release fish and also clean and fillet.

Reply No.

383. I feel maybe you might want to let people know just what season these fish can be caught in, e.g.: when spawning time begins and when it is officially over.

384. I don't think the public realy knows how bad some water is.

385. This is my first year reading your book so I will let you know next year.

386. Excellent publication. Keep up the good work.

387. Is anything being done to clean up the sources of these contaminants?

389. This is one area in which I can see my tax money being well spent.

390. Le programme d'evaluation dela pollution des lakes devrait être intensifie.

391. Thanks for letting the public give the gov't bodies time and effort to give a reply.

392. The guide is informative and easy to read through and to find things.

395. I think it's very helpful on what your looking for, and I would like to see it published every year.

398. Basicaly satisfied.

399. I think the program and information is excellent and hope you keep publishing it.

400. I am in real estate - and in resort area - and this is a very useful book when selling waterfront properties. I have distributed to agents in our office. Thank you.

403. Money spent this way could be better used to remove some of the coarse fish that feed on eggs and small fish. Everywon takes the sport fish leaving abundance of coarse.

405. This publication is very helpfull and appreciated.

406. You have done a great job. Keep it up!

Reply
No.

407. I wish Canada and the U.S. could get together and work on better controls of chemicals going into our environment. Nonetheless keep up the good work.

411. The program is a good one and it's good to see the govt produce a useful publication.

413. We think this is a terrific effort on the part of the Ont. Gov't and very much appreciate recieving this important information so readily and at no charge.

414. It's a very good book. It explains everything you need to know about fishing and locations.

416. Your Guide to eating Sport Fish has not lesened our consumption of fish, but made us more aware of the good work the Dept. of Environment is doing. Thank you.

418. I would like to get this book sent to me every year.

420. You should have the appendix at the back in color and more information about the fish.

421. I em all for fishing license if the money go to help stock lakes and help the environment.

423. Good fish I.D. sketches. Should help other young anglers also.

424. I believe any program to help clean our waters is money well spent and until they are, any information on toxins in fish is helpful. Keep up the good work.

426. Thank you! Keep up the good work.

427. All I have to say is clean our lakes and rivers. Please, before we all <u>die</u>!!

428. It is well laid out, easy to follow and informative.

429. Very useful.

432. Keep it free.

433. I am pleased with the guide and its distribution.

436. Keep up the good work.

Reply No.

437. I think this publication is pointed out very clearly where the fish are in lakes and rivers.

438. Stop pollution, stop gill netting, stop Indians selling fish to U.S.A. for profits.

439. Excellent guide - very useful. Thanks.

441. It all right to me. I learned a lot.

445. Good work.

448. A nominal charge could be levied to those of us who use "Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish".

450. Continue publication.

451. The guide satisfied all my curiosity on how much and what fish could be eaten.

454. I think charging or donating towards these books and using money to clean up some of these lakes. The ministry should look closer into the companies and people who pollute the waters and fine them.

455. It's a great "Where to Fish" guide.

459. Get more people aware of this by advertising in the media as well.

463. Keep up the good work! Good stuff.

465. Not having anything to do with this program. But lets get rid of commercial fishing. It's proven fact the gov't can get more revenue from sport fishing, not to mention improve my catch. Commercial fisherman are robbing the Ontario anglers stringer!

469. Keep up the good work. Fresh water fish is an important part of our diet. The North relys on the fishing industry. We need to know just what contaminants and levels of contaminant are safe to the consumer and not just the sportsmen at all times. Thank you.

472. Good job! Keep up the testing!!

473. Keep it up.

474. Keep up the good work.

Reply No.

477. It's nice to see more "blank fish" on each page every year. Keep up the good work!

479. I believe the people involved in this Guide have done a first class job and I personally thank them.

486. I think the Lower Niagara River contaminants are too low, there is too much chemicals going into it from N.Y. State.

487. Change the book inside and make it colour and send it to me all the time.

488. A map of the province could be used to indicate regions where pollution may be a problem. Therefore, lakes not included in the survey may be given a likelyhood of finding a particular contaminant.

489. I appreciate the guide. Keep up the good work.

490. Open Lake Trout season earlier, close earlier. No ice fishing for lake trout, ban fish finders on inland lakes.

492. Keep up the good work.

493. O.K. - A valuable service, seems to be under-staffed! No licenses!!

494. O.K.

496. Fine just as is.

497. Keep up the good work.

498. Good text, right track, informative.

499. Some fish are not listed, program and publication are fine.

501. Allthough we have no autority to U.S. controls, are the governments cooperating (U.S. + Can.)? Could we add to this publication ways the conumer can also help in limiting our own ways of poluting, example: beer cans, garbage.

502. An excellent publication. Very useful and important info. regarding contamination. "A true eye-opener".

503. I think it is very helpful the way it is now.

Reply No.	
504.	Great book for my kids - more aware of ecology, etc. Good reference for school projects etc. Maybe expand reference material lakes and rivers. Great book - keep up the good work.
505.	Super book, keep up the good work. Also, now when I go on a fishing trip I can scout what fish are in what lakes ahead of time.
506.	Disagree on fishing licences. Every lake far too many scavenger fish, carp, suckers, sheephead, chad, ling, catfish. On the whole very good effort! Thanks!
507.	I think there are to many small pickeral being kept.
510.	I'm hoping that the resident angling licences est. $20 million input will go to cracking down on polluters and poachers and also return to a separate North and South Ontario consumption guideline, using more examples of specified lakes.
511.	The Ministry of the Environment provides positive direction and excellent suggestions how every individual can help protect and enjoy our natural resources. Its track record is outstanding!
512.	Advertise its availability more.
514.	I feel that this is money well spent, particularly when we are being sensitized to environmental problems.
519.	Charge for fishing licence, $10 per person and $15 for a family licence, which could be prepaid in an envelope provided in this publication.
520.	The guide is well put together and the information in it seems quite complete.
521.	This guide is excellent. If general public especially consummate anglers could be of assistance, would be willing to donate time.
522.	Why are walleye so susceptible to contaminants, whereas brook trout and whitefish, for example, are contaminant free?
523.	Keep up the good work please!
524.	Points of interest - most people confuse pollution i.e. human pollution re: bathing; fish contamination re: edibility. To note, asked 2 M.D.'s the origin of mercury etc. on fish and what effect this had in the eating of it - neither could give me an answer!

Reply No.	
527.	Seems complete enough for the layman. Happy to see the fishing sport coming back - my kids missed out in this area but their kids should enjoy it like I did!
528.	Well received by anyone that I know who has read it. Unfortunately it doesn't reach enough people. Should be advertised more.
533.	I think this book is very good and you should keep on making them for the years to come.
534.	All right!
537.	Some further intrest on the Niagara River and her creeks would be of help to local fishermen.
538.	Include an index for finding specific species.
539.	Remove listings of Bloater, Ling, Pumpkinseed and other garbage fish from book and expand listing for lakes etc. not found in here yet.
540.	I am allergic to fish (eating or handling) however enjoy fishing while on vacation.
541.	I work at Cyprus Lake Provincial Park and some cottagers in the area look forward to the new yearly issues. I would appreciate any information on St. Edmunds and Lindsay Twps. with respect to fishing in its lakes and streams.
545.	The "Species Identification" information was very useful.
547.	Very well prepared.
548.	To be truthful, this is a very complete guide. Great idea.
550.	This Guide is very informative to the fishermen, so he knows approx. how much fish to consume and understand about the different chemicals in the water and parasites and tumours in fish.
551.	I belive this program's efforts excellent, as well as this publication. It is unfortunate that the need exists!
554.	Please maintain program.
560.	Keep up the good work!

Reply No.	
562.	Send yearly revised guides if requested to those that are interested.
563.	This publication is quite helpful since I have used it quite often in the past.
570.	This is a very good and useful publication.
571.	Is there any plans for stocking the old Welland ship canal with walleye, rainbow and brown trout in the near future.
572.	I could not find any test for Splake backcross in the North Channel, Manitoulin Districe. If this info is available could you please fill me in!
574.	I enjoy getting these books for when someone gives me fish I look it up and if I go somewhere fishing I can check out my catch. Thank-you.
575.	Please keep up the good work!
576.	Supply book directly to the anglers - many people who never fish pick up book at outlets to look at - ask for names and addresses and mail to us - Thanks.
579.	Reading of less contaminants being dumped in lakes and rivers. More large size fish being eatable.
580.	Très bien comme ça. Bien aprecie. Bonne idée.
581.	Make it more available - ie taclke stores. Make a list of other reading material available from the government.
582.	Keep it coming.
583.	Did you have to kill all those fish for these tests?
584.	Keep it up.
586.	The Ontario government should be commended to bring this information to the public. Blanket warnings are too easily ignored.
588.	Keep up this excellent publication and program.
589.	It is obvious that the guidelines are to close for comfort and that the public should be warnd not to consume any fish any size from lakes and rivers in Southern Ontario espestially Lake Ont., Lake Erie, Lake Huron and so on. I will never eat or buy fish from Southern Ont. waters again.

Reply No.	
595.	I think this book is excellent. I hope you will publish it in years to come.
600.	As a casual fisherman, and cottager on Lake Simcoe, I appreciate your efforts to monitor pollutants found in fish and to keep us informed of progress in cleaning up our lakes and rivers.
602.	Good. It is a valuable tool.
603.	Interesting to see how some lakes are being cleaned up and fish are edible. Now when can we expect the acid rain to stop polluting so fish can live - to be caught and eaten.
606.	The book has he¹ped me out alot. Keep up the good work.
609.	This type of questionnaire should be made mandatory to be filled out by all anglers ie. via Ontario or Provincial licences for fishing to improve reasearch and rehabilitation programs.
615.	An article in your booklet recommending live release of all large fish caught to the betterment of fishing.
619.	Excellent book.
626.	Good.
627.	Great work. Please continue!
628.	There is no way I can find to improve this publication in any way.
629.	I think it's great!
632.	Good work.
637.	Program is definitely worthwhile and should be continued in the future. Costs are rising but we do need recreation - safe recreation.
638.	No. But I'm glade its out for us. Thanks.

Reply No.

639. It should be continued and constantly updated.

640. This publication is very good and I would like to thank you for taking the time to publish such a valuable book.

642. This is a very good idea. I enjoy knowing what chemicals are in the fish I catch.

645. You are to be complimented on the good work and amount of increased information now being given this year. We hear that U.S./N.Y. State have different findings or criteria. Some comment on this would be helpful as it applies to boundary waters. The whole problem of contaminants is serious enough that increasing the public knowledge of the matter advances the cause.

648. I think it's great the way it is!

656. It makes me feel safe when I'm eating fish and feeding them to my children, to know if they are safe to eat or not.

660. I am originally from Alberta and to my knowledge there is no such program there. I think it is a very good idea. I for one appreciate what you are doing.

662. If I were fishing the Great Lakes waters it most certainly alter my thoughts on eating fish.

664. I found this guide to be highly informative and rather eye-opening. Please continue to further educate the public on pollution in Ontario.

665. If it is not published in French it is not of any interest to half the population in the Eastern townships of Ontario.

666. Book should be in volumes ie. Southern Ontario book #1 - Northern Ontario book #2, Great Lakes, St. Lawrence book #3. My only interest is in South Ont. Less cost in publication etc. Very good book.

668. Very informative and useful publication.

671. Excellent idea of the ministry. Certainly helped to change my fishing habits.

673. I find that this publication was hard to get due to its popularity and it was only by chance that my brother found a copy for me in a Brewers outlet. Perhaps a wider dist. area could be considered.

Reply No.

675. Testing is fine. Reducing the level of contaminants is better. Work on the reduction. Stiffer fines for all polluters and more international agreements concerning pollution standards. Its almost too late.

678. Could a mailing list be possible? It is often hard to find guide and I use it often. If not distribution through tackle shops would insure it is fisherman who are getting book at the L.C.B.O. I am sure many take it and never read it.

679. There should be a mailing so that people who miss these books at the Brewers Retail can pick up a form and ask for it to be sent to the residence. Good work.

680. It is a necessary and beneficial program.

681. How accurate are these studies. How many fish are netted in relation to square acres of lake. Does contamination vary with time of year.

683. I find the book is helpful and this is the first time I have ever knowtest the book. Use more advertising! Thanks.

684. Keep up the good work.

685. Good job.

687. Why don't you charge for this copy which would help subsidize the program. You should also put it on the book stands where it would be available to everyone not just to those buying alcohol.

689. There won't be any need for a publication of this sort if we continue to have acid rain. Map showing lakes and rivers of testing program.

694. Program is a great guide to healthier fishing.

696. Thank you for the book.

706. It should be easier access in fishing areas. I would like to receive it annually. It is a very useful book to have around.

710. I found this guide to be quite informative. However, I would like to see more complete information. I would also be willing to pay a small fee for a more complete volume.

Reply No.	
711.	Providing maybe a mailing list for those using the guide so that updated material is obtained by them conviently.
713.	Published every 6 months.
721.	It is a very good guideline to follow; full of interesting facts and information for the fisherman. Also it is nice to know that a close check is being done, on our lakes and streams to ensure future generations the continuous pleasure of this sport.
722.	Would like a book about fish in the lakes of Thunder Bay District.
724.	We are pleased that our government is testing and watching the condition of our fish and hope that you will do more to stop the pollution of our waters in the future. Keep up the good work.
725.	Its great the way it is. Just keep publishing it. It is a very valuable source of information. Is it possible to have available a Quebec version for those who live close to Que. and visit there? (or other provinces for that matter). Ottawans commute to Gatineau Park.
727.	Keep up the good work. We look forward to comparing each year and looking for our lake and surrounding places we frequent.
729.	We definitely need this program to identify risks and improvements in our lakes and streams.
730.	I consider this book an integral part of my fishing scheduling.
732.	Ministry of Natural Resources should step up their program to kill the lampray eel which we feel is on the increase.
733.	Very informative, thorough and complete. Keep it up.
735.	Very good book. Very informative. Thanks!
738.	Quite complete. Liked the info. on catching and cleaning fish.
739.	Keep up the good work!!! Its one of the most intelligent things M.O.E. has ever done. Please don't allow cut-backs to cut down on yearly testing. Thanks!!
740.	Fine as it is. I have all your Guides from the beginning, and find the 1986 book just fine as one volume.

Reply No.	
742.	This Guide is very fine in all ways. What you should do is 1 or 2 years charge for Guide about $1 or $2.
744.	Great publication!!
745.	Very good.
746.	Excellent presentation. Has reduced our consumption of game fish. I seldom eat any game fish over the legal length etc.
748.	I find the fish testing program very useful for determing what fish and from what lakes are the safest to eat. It is also a good indicator of how much air borne pollution we are receiving in our local area into the food chain. One other useful piece of information I have found in the guide is now I can find out what species of fish are in the lakes, and the types of contaminants we are ingesting in our diets. Keep up the good work.
752.	The book is very informative. It should be advertise more.
758.	I think it was great!
762.	Excellent program and should continue to be updated every year. Something everyone should be made aware of, keep up the good work.
763.	I found it to be one of the most informative books on fishing I've read in some time. Loved it.
765.	Keep up the good work on testing because it is a great country, and the only place left.
766.	Earlier available.
767.	In our opinion this Guide is fine and there is no need to improve it.
768.	Put a sign in the window of L.C.B.O. and Brewers Retail when the publication comes out.
771.	The Guide represents Canada's meaniful efforts to assists residents and non-residents in making informed decisions about fish consumption. Thank you (Minnesota resident).
772.	Very worthwhile endeavor.

Reply No.	
774.	Use if for counselling pregnant women.
777.	Hopefully we won't need to worry about water contaminants in the future if your programs can educate polluters.
779.	Keep up the good work!
781.	Covers most things very well with thanks.
784.	The book is very well done. I'm sure that it will come in handy on my next fishing trip.
785.	It should be more publicized so more people can use the book.
787.	You have this questionair in two parts, English and French. Why not this Guide - it would only be half the size and not as heavy for my tackle box.
788.	I have caught fish in some lakes that weren't mentioned when I looked the lakes up in the guide. I have caught smallmouth bass in Harp Lake and largemouth in Lake Vernon.
789.	It is a great information guide.
790.	This book is very handy and useful to a man like myself which is concerned about environmental matters etc.
795.	I include it as an essential part of my fishing apparatus. I would not consider fishing anywhere without using it. If necessary I would gladly pay for current issues.
797.	I find the guide very informative.
799.	I would love it if the book had a hard cover.
801.	Let us know how much mercury is a "natural" source in our lakes and rivers.
802.	Have any fish been tested from these small remote lakes? We enjoy the unpopulated areas.
809.	Index the lakes and rivers - then put maps of areas followed by the status of that areas rivers and lakes.
810.	I think the guide is very useful and hope it is continued for years to come. p.s. keep up the good work.

Reply No.

811. The public should be more aware of the dangers pollution is causing. It's everyones problem!

813. I think its a helpful guide for people who consume a lot of fish.

814. Wel I think this book is absuluptly great.

815. Include fileting instructions for each fish specimen.

818. It is a good publication but I would like to see the lakes I mentioned in the book in the future.

822. Please keep up the good work. Fellow anglers and myself appreciate it. Thank you.

824. Very good information provided, should be placed in more areas for people to get. But very good book, more work along this line should be done.

825. Keep up the good work! We depend upon your research and testing. Thanx.

827. Perch fishing in Lake St. Clair seems to be getting scarce. I wonder if someone could look into it.

828. Money used from licenses etc. to be used only for clean up of lakes and fishing facilities. Fishing lic. money should not be used to finance other sports facilities.

829. Stock our rivers - brown, speckled trout; lakes - brown, rainbow, pickeral.

830. I have been collecting these guides since 1981. My fishing friends and I have spent many hours reading them and we are very appreciative of them. Thank you for your work. I place a great deal of importance on these guides.

831. Well laid out guideline. Many friends, after seeing my book, went to pick up their own. Information contained in the book opened my awareness to "amount of consumption" that I had previously not considered. I find Ontario fish good eating. (I have fished extensively in the Maratimes).

832. This book is like a fishermans Bible. Thank you for the information, much needed. These books should be in every fish box.

Reply No.	
834.	What is present status of the Madawaska Lake re different kinds of fish - e.g. smallmouth bass?
835.	Inject a little humor into the title and marketing of this dangerous information and tell the public about it. Now!! More obvious and captivating techniques should be used to earmark the real dangers here in.
836.	Very good as is. I notice the environment is doing a good job keeping down the contaminents. Good luck.
839.	It's a great publication but this program should have a few more of the smaller lakes and rivers.
842.	Need more advertising on radio and T.V. about this book!
843.	I think this book is handy for anyone eating their catch.
845.	Detailed hydrographic mapping would be helpful. M.N.R. and C.C.I.W. not covering enough waters. Couldn't you all work together to put out fishing maps?
846.	Very informative.
847.	Demander au personnes qui ont pêcher dans les lacs d'Ontario s'ils ont fait de bonne prises et précissant le nombre.
848.	The guide has been improved - only concerned people appreciat the effort put into the book.
849.	Excellent coverage re pollution. Sarnia is our worst offender. Clean up River St. Clair. This will affect Lakes Erie, St. Clair.
850.	Should give books when purchasing your 1987 fishing licence.
851.	I think it's a great idea to be aware of fish conditions in selected locations. This book is perfect for serious fishermen in Ontario.
853.	The continuation of this program is essential in a proper diagnosis of the damage that we have inflicted upon our water bodies and their denizens and ultimately, our own existence. Thank you for the retention of this program.
855.	It is a good publication!

Reply No.	
856.	I think it is a great idea. Keep up the good work.
857.	Eels (the proliforation thereof), Pollution; mercury; sulphides. More policing of guides and tourists.
859.	I find it improves my fishing.
862.	This book is very handy to a person who loves to fish and have lots of fun doing it.
865.	This is an excellent publication and I look forward to next years revised edition.
869.	Perhaps a study should be undertaken to study contaminate levels in Ontarios waterfowl and wildlife. Amounts of liver intake should have guidelines to follow.
870.	The book is done well and maby this will help clean up the waters.
873.	Regular yearly mailings to regular users or those requesting same. Wider distribution to more outlets and letting public know same.
874.	Some sort of show on TV to show people what is happening to our fish and the people responsible for poisoning us.
875.	The fishermen I talk to don't know this type of information exists. Why? Should be talked about on T.V. fishing programs i.e. Red Fisher.
876.	A special section of lakes and rivers for Algonquin Park and Butt Township including the unnamed ones ie. use a map.
877.	Keep up the good work.
880.	Usefull and easy to get and appreciated.
881.	Excellent!
883.	I was unaware of this Guide. I think it should be advertized more. People should be made aware of the harmfull contaminants found in the fish they eat.
884.	I think this book is very informative and should be distributed in more stores in resort areas.

Reply No.	
885.	Would you please put in future books the number of fish released into a lake or river by year.
886.	Very well put together.
888.	The book is very informative and very complete.
889.	This is a terrific book and we would like to get it on a yearly basis. We did not know about it before. We intend to do a lot more fishing and hope you will continue to publish this book.
891.	It should be included with our proposed fishing licence for 1986.
896.	I would like to see more stocking in Southern Georgian Bay. Also I would like to see more control over commercial fishermen in South Georgian Bay.
897.	I would bet 98% of the public fishing persons only fish 1 to 4 different lakes. If someone wanted info. on this subject have them call a watts line and send it out to them - think cost.
898.	Great idea.
899.	I have found there to be more species of fish than listed in Redstone Lake, Haliburton Highlands.
901.	Keep it going.
903.	It would be nice for tourist outfitters to have these guids to give out to there custmers.
904.	An index (cross-index) would be helpful. A map enclosed, too.
906.	Have more displays.
908.	I appreciate receiving the information. The better we all are made aware of the environment - the better we can make our own choices!
910.	Keep up the good work!!
911.	Use Ministry of Natural Resources WMU's to identify area and give detailed maps of each.
912.	This is a very handy Guide in which fish are good to eat.

Reply No.	
913.	I have begun fishing quite seriously this year and enjoy the literature and cooperation you have given. It has really turned my hobbie into an enjoyable one.
914.	This is the best laid out and informative publication I have ever seen coming out of the provincial gov't. Keep up the good work.
916.	It could include the main regulations of fishing.
917.	I really am happy you have decided to print these booklets for the public. I like the idea of having an idea of what the lake has for contaminants.
918.	There should be a fishing license at $25 a year to keep the drunks of the lakes.
919.	Its very useful and informative.
920.	A very usefull, very needed publication.
922.	I find no fault with the guide, other than that previously mentioned.
924.	The book is well put together and very informative.
925.	A very good guide. A helpful tool for fisherman who like eating their catch.
926.	Book is a help to identify fish species in lakes being fished for first time.
927.	Keep up the good work.
929.	It meets my requirements and that of my friends and family in planning a camping trip.
930.	This is a really great book. Keep up the good work.
935.	Excellent work, particularly the graphs showing overall decline. Keep up the good work!
938.	I think it's very sad that we have insulted our environment to the point that this programme is necessary. Thank you for your efforts.

Reply No.	
941.	Your studies show that a lot of lakes and rivers are dying out. Close some of them and clean them up and get fishing back to where it used to be. Restrict small lakes to specified max. h.p. and reduce pollution on these lakes from noise and human destruction.
943.	Commercial fishing should be restricted to coarse fish only. Most of these guys dont know when to stop and catch to many perch, splake, trout, salmon and pike; or a limit to keep them 4 miles from shore.
945.	You should come out with a map of all these lakes so people find them to go fishing. A lot of these lakes and rivers I never ever heard off.
946.	Very good.
949.	I think the idea behind the guide and program are excellent. As for the publication, I would like to see it divided again and a minimal charge for each one, to help you cover cost so you can put more money in research.
953.	Keep up the good work. Increase your token fines to an amount that industries can understand.
956.	I catch and release - therefore more information on the fish themselves would be useful.
957.	This guide in my opinion is okay.
959.	I recomend that they should bring back $5-10 fishing licences for Southern Ontario, and the money would go to a good cause. A lot of my friends agree.
960.	Explain more of the ethics of a good sportsman, e.g. don't snag fish, don't leave litter and line around for waterfowl, don't trespass, incorporate fishing regulations in guide. Report snaggers.
961.	Great help every year. I like the section on defining fish species. Keep up the good work.
963.	Very informative. Its hard to believe that with all the work being done on our lakes that the pollution count is still growing. I hope this soon improves as I love to fish and if its harmful to eat them, why bother catching them. It sure is a serious problem but I guess it took years to create, it'll take years to correct.

Reply No.	
967.	This program is excellent and informative! Keep up the great work!!
968.	I find this guide very informative, use it constantly, and look forward to get this guide each year. Keep up the good work. I would buy this book each year, as I find and believe the results from your tests are accurate. Thanks.
969.	Very well done!! It's good to see someone is doing some research to aid the expert or beginner fishermen.
971.	A lot of lake in this book shows lakes that are bad, but more good lakes should be released.
973.	Should be available at sporting good stores.
974.	Would be nice to be able to be put on a list for subscription to receive the book by mail yearly as to having to pick it up yearly.
977.	This Guide is an excellent idea, please keep it up if possible.
980.	In the fish identification section page 254, I would like to see pictures of skeleton for each fish. This would help in the filet process especially in the pike category.
985.	It is very informative. Thanks.
989.	I look forward to next year's publication.
993.	Some trends in amount of polution down great to see. This information great to know.
994.	I thank you for this manual being free and I hope it remains free in the future!
1000.	For the first 6 months I lived in Ontario, I assumed that it was a cookbook being advertised!
1006.	Il est encourageant de voir que les grands lacs et autres grandes masses d'eau diminuent tant qu'à la pollution. Malheureusement, le lac d'où coule notre riviere semble plus pollué que l'an dernier. J'aime bien votre nouvelle information au détrit du livre. Nous pouvons comparer avec les années précédentes.

Reply No.

1007. It's hard to improve something that's good already.

1008. This guide is very complete and shows the importance of control in waters and fishing. It certainly has people realizing that our resources are in trouble and precautions should be taken in preventing any more damage.

1009. A bit more info is needed.

1011. Good to see these little books every year. The lakes are hopefully improving but gov't have to keep them clean for us and our kids.

1013. pH changes and ideal level, ie. increase or decrease over the years.

1015. Good publication, I don't mind spending tax dollars on it! Keep up the good work!

1017. Throw in some maps maybe next year, would help alot. Thank you.

1019. I like being able to find translations side by side instead of separate tables. Nice to see an Ontario publication in Fr.

1020. As a taxpayer - money well spent; As a fisherman - excellent info. at all time; as a fish eater - great guidelines for what I can eat!!

1024. I find it surprising that Silent Lake, on which a National Park is situated, is not included. I found the guide informative and useful and was surprised that it was free. Thanks.

1025. All I have to say that I'm really happy about the laws you have put out on fishing restrictions to protect fish. The stocking programs are amazing and I really enjoyed the Metro fishing week in which me and other anglers exchanged ideas about fishing.

1029. You are doing a very good job.

1030. It is very informative, thank you very much.

1035. This guide serves a very important function. I only wish a similar publication was available for Quebec.

Reply No.

1040. Helpful information!

1045. As mentioned, I find the information most useful and hope you continue to publize for ever. Keep up the good work.

1046. Very impressive.

1049. I feel this book is a compulsary fishing accessory. Perhaps it could be included with the new fishing licences that have been proposed.

1050. I haven't eating fish from Lake Ontario (or Great Lakes) since 1963. It is a shame beautiful 10 to 15 lbs. rainbows are poisoned and not fit for consumption. Get your butts in gear and clean up this mess in our country wich is ours, not industries or governments, but our childrens future.

1051. I think it is an excellent publication to make all anglers aware of what they are eating when they catch a fish. Keep up the good work!

1052. What I find odd is why smelts (lower end of food chain) are safe to eat in Lake Ontario and predetory species such as the salmonoids restricted over a certain size. This doesn't make sence. Perhaps study of alwives or lake chubs in Lake Ontario would be more valuable to ascertain why predetor species are restricted over 22 inches. If smelts are clean of pollutants shouldn't the larger fish (who eat the smelts) be safe as well?

1055. I would like to see more of these published.

1056. When you go more than 500 miles for fishing vacation, it would be nice if we were able for that time to have a larger amount as our limit of fish to take back home.

1057. It's very helpful.

1058. Surprised to find out lakes to the north of Erie were just as bad, if not worse.

1059. The program is very well put together.

1060. It's a very informative book.

1061. We did not know of the Guides existence and have been fishing here in Ontario for over 20 years. As we purchased our liscense this year we were given the Guide (Ohio resident).

Reply No.	
1062.	Keep up the good work. Thanks.
1063.	Keep up the good work!
1064.	Found it very interesting reading and comparing Northern Ont. lakes to Southern Ont.
1066.	Having the guide is great but when will we clean up the water. I am grateful for the information but if the fish is not safe for children, I would not let anyone eat it.
1067.	I would like to see stricter polution laws; municipalities and industry are getting away with murder.
1069.	Very informative guide; like the sketches used to identify species of fish.
1070.	I find your information very useful and I hope you will continue issuing this book. I would like to see the Ontario fishing laws in this book also.
1075.	I hope this program will continue for many years to come. Information like this is very important.
1076.	This guide is very interesting and will be helpful to us.
1078.	Thank you - its a great guide.
1080.	Show more lakes in Northern Ontario and test for all major species in the lakes eg. bass, trout, pike, pickeral, etc.
1081.	This is a super book.
1084.	I would like a reply to the following question. Every year an army helicopter drops a load of fish into Four Mile Lake. Why? - and what species have been dropped.
1090.	Keep up the good work.
1092.	Possibly by indicating where public boat launching is supplied.
1095.	Go back to mandatory fishing licenses and use monies for further stocking programs.
1098.	This is the first year that I've had a guide and I find it extremely interesting and helpful. I plan to get one every year from now on. Thank you for your concern and consideration.

Reply No.

1099. Where are record fish caught/what lake/river.

1100. Advertise! more, anyways. Really glad this publication is available. Thank you. Good to know someone cares.

1104. Very good, informative booklet. Keep publishing! It is interesting to know what could be wrong in our lake. Thank you.

1105. Le programme est trés utile et l'information du public est essentielee. Nous faisons de la pêche expérimentale avec étude de contamination des poissons capturés. Ce guide nous permet de comparer nos résultats avec ceux de l'Ontario.

1110. This guide is an excellent idea.

1111. Hats off to the program! The guide is part of my fishing gear.

1112. More emphasis should be given on ingestation of fish, and more work devoted to the elimination of pollutants in our rivers and lakes. Whats the sense of stocking fish in cess pools and garbage waters and ignoring the real problem.

1113. I enjoy reading the guide and look for it each year.

1114. I think this program and publication is very informative and helpful.

1115. List more lakes and include greater varieties of fish when listed.

1117. Thank you for publishing this book. I know it is appreciated.

1118. It's very informative and well-designed. The information helps to decide what to keep and what fish to release.

1119. Should have a metric and english table at front or back cover, so one could convert weights and heights at ease instead of looking it up elsewhere.

1120. Including fishing regulations book.

1121. A valued publication. Good use of public funds.

Reply No.

1124. I think I would enjoy more about preparing how to cook the fish I eat, and I would like to have more detail on the Appendix section.

1127. Great - Helps one realize we are cleaning up the environment a bit.

1129. You are doing well. Thank you!

1131. A good job is being done. Please explain why contamination shows up in fish up in remote areas of Thunder Bay District e.g. Ogoki, Albany, O'Sullivan, Ara, Meta lakes. Why does it show, it seems, more frequently or at smaller sizes in smallmouth bass and walleye.

1132. I find this guide very usefull and hope to see it on the shelves next year.

1134. If I ate fish very often I would definitely have changed my eating habits. I would like to see a more comprehensive section on catch and release. I see too many people keeping everything they catch. There may be few fish for kids and grandkids.

1135. Just a super job. Government often times takes alot of flack, but this publication is excellent. I am not a great angler, but I am interested in pollution control and wildlife generally. This guide was of great interest to me and is used at my camp on Lake Temiskaming often. Congratulations people.

1136. Keep it up!

1137. Good stuff!!

1139. This seems to be a very informative booklet and should be publicized bi-yearly for spring, sumer, fall and winter. Keep up the good work!

1140. I think it is a very handy guide when it is combined in to one book.

1142. I'm pleased with the Guide as is.

1143. Good publication. I am pleased with it.

1145. It is and excellent guide and I'm sure it will help me in many ways. Thank you.

Reply No.

1146. How big of lakes are in the guide? Do you just use one size and bigger?

1147. I think the program you have is splended!

1148. A word of encouragement for a project well conceived and developed in the best interests of its resources and public.

1149. Contaminant identification is confusing - useless. Why alarm me with an inconclusive test.

1150. Thank you for working on the improving of the fishing in Ontario. Let's keep our waters clear and our forests green.

1154. Show data on effect of trimming away portions of flesh - does it change classification from restricted to un-restricted?

1156. Very informative.

1157. I find it confusing that in a great number of lakes you did not test the eatable gamefish, but rather tested some garbage fish.

1160. Think is very good and helpful (especially because I am interested in wilderness canoeing), but also find it somewhat frightening to know the poor shape that fish are in in some lakes and rivers.

1162. Clean water and air are essential resources, if not cleaned up people who consume contaminated fish and game will be the ones who suffer. The polluters should do more to clean their waste.

1164. As far as I'm concerned, we are lucky to have such good and concerned Ministries working for us in Ontario.

1168. A publication on planned improvements to condition of fish-ex. worms. It bothers me to have to throw them back because of worms.

1172. A brave and good publication, too bad its necessary. I know that many of my Ontario relatives are regularly eating fish this book warns against, such as pike from Bay of Quinte. They find the information and the issue confusing, and still believe that sewage is the only serious contamination!

1174. For a free guide it is great.

1176. Good book!

Reply No.	
1179.	Très bonne chose a avoir chez soi.
1181.	I think this is a useful service to all fisherman.
1182.	I think this book was very well put together.
1183.	I would like to know when testing was last done on each type of fish in the individual locations.
1187.	Their are whitefish in Sup. Lake which this guide did not mention. Whitefish to 50 lbs. in Sup. Lake.
1188.	Keep up the good work. Like it as is.
1190.	I set up a program for developmentally handicapped people to join a fishing club. In answering the questionnaire I generalize for most people.
1192.	Keep up the good work. Thanks.
1193.	More on going concern and public involvement and public education. I've seen more fish wasted than I've caught!!
1194.	Stock fish in waters where they will be fit to eat. Not in Great Lakes sespool.
1197.	I feel everyone who fishes in Ontario waters should have this book so it should be made available in convenience and grocery stores.
1199.	Excellent information, just test more lakes and keep up good work. I did note in the 1986 edition a number of missing pages and some duplicated pages for Northern Ontario.
1200.	Like to know where and why there is hardly any smallmouth bass in Sydenham River. Fished Sydenham for 20 years now, there is hardly any smallmouth bass.
1202.	I realize that Ontario is unique in publishing a guide such as this and I appreciate the concern it shows for its anglers. I'm glad we're finally getting a resident anglers licence - put the money to good use.
1204.	The fish identification section starting on pg 254 is excellent.

Reply
No.

1205. Hire me for your testing program.

1206. Excellent.

1207. You could reopen the Muskie Research Centre on Nogies Creek on Bass Lake Road.

1209. The 1986 publication is the best you have produced to date. I appreciate this publication.

1211. Lakes that have lost some species of fish (why?). Stocking of lakes (where), what amounts, what kind.

1212. Could each or some of the lakes be rated for fishing pressure?

1214. Pretty good. Fish most of my life. I am 70 yrs. of age.

1216. Very good and informative.

1217. As an Ontario taxpayer I want to know what is going to be done about the increase of contaminants in our lakes. It must be stopped now!

1218. Its too bad you have to put this book out at all. You should write more about what we can do about stopping this pollution and cleaning up the mess, so a book like this isn't necessary.

1219. Some lakes in Thunder Bay Dist. we never heard of. 3 weeks ago we went fishing to Beamard and Bitchu Lakes, next to Quetico Park - Saganoons Lake entry point. The water is down about 1½ feet. Why? We were there the first of pickeral season this spring and the water was up 2 feet or more, now its so low. And we have had so much rain up in this area this spring and summer. What or who controls the runoff. Never seen the water this low in these lakes in 5 or 6 years fishing there.

1221. Keep up the good work.

1224. The Ontario Government should place a high priority on reducing the level of contaminants in fish.

1225. Great Guide.

1226. I have been an Ontario resident all my life. I object to having to go get a license to fish in my own province. When I went to Nfld., I had to purchase a Non-Resident licence to fish. I think it should be the same here. There also should be more Min. of Fisheries patroling known angling spots.

Reply No.

1227. Should be more widespread. I see people fishing salmon in my local creek (16 Mile) with nets and thats illegal, and I also see people fishing in places that they shouldn't be. If this book was given out by mail, we would see these types of things.

1228. Suggest stocking more lakes with pickerel - not caught any edible yet.

1229. Good program despite my answer to 12C. Can appreciate why not every little lake can be done.

1232. An excellent program and publication, please continue. On further reading find the Winnipeg where I fish is covered by the Dales (page 126).

1233. You might consider making the book available through charter operators or weigh in stations at the Salmon Hunt so it would be available to more uniformed people eating potentially dangerous fish.

1236. Keep up the good work and I sure hope the Ministry is going to put our fishing licence (1987) funds to good used. Stocked up those lakes. Thank you!

1237. It was well set up but a map would have been better showing locations of each lake.

1238. Doing a great job so far. Keep up the good work. The fees for fish licenses, I hope will be put into the areas where they are collected and most needed. Thank you.

1239. Keep this Guide free.

1244. Have a section about where to find fish (ex. best areas of the lake).

1247. I don't mind paying ten dollars for a fishing license in 1987 as long as the money goes back into Ontario's fisheries.

1248. Very useful.

1249. I think the program and publication is quite useful. I appreciate having received your publication.

1254. You cover most of the lakes I enjoy to fish but only 1 or few of the species I enjoy to catch and eat.

Reply No.

1257. Please note that I am not yet a regular fisherman. In my opinion this is much too detailed for average use. Most fish in very limited area and few eat or catch enough to exceed limits. The costs must be excessive, certainly for my use and the use of an average sports fisherman. Simplify to meet needs of average, ex. warnings in newspapers, leaflet with proposed fishing license.

1260. Keep up the good work!

1262. I think that Lake Ontario and others should be cleaned and then I would fish there more.

1266. There are lakes along Hwy 144 North that were not tested for pollutants. I wish that these lakes like St. Louis and Duke could be tested. In fact Duke Lake is a branch of the Spanish river.

1267. Would like to see MNR Dept. supply report a poacher cards to those who wish to get involved in conservation. I believe the Angler and Hunter club of Ont. have them. They are not easy to get.

1268. Fishing liscence fee for 1 year to expensive for occasional fisherman. The cost of liscence, cost of gas (car and boat motor), it would be cheaper to buy fish at store.

1269. Put the fish drawings in colour.

1270. It is very helpful.

1271. J'apprecie que le guide soit bilingue.

1272. I am a librarian of a branch of Lambton County Library. Several of our young patrons are fishermen. I felt that this volume would be a good publication to have on our reference shelf, with its wealth of information and identification pictures.

1274. Everything was informative and well written. Keep up the good work!

1276. I note that certain species of fish eg. largemouth bass, northern pike are not listed for Sharbot Lake yet these are the species I frequently catch.

Reply No.	
1277.	Could you comment on clams, crawfish and snapping turtles, as these critters also find their way into our table fare.
1278.	I like it because it not only tells me what to eat but what to fish for in different lakes and rivers.
1279.	More fish sketches.
1280.	Continue the great work.
1285.	I have found this an excellent source of information on our fishing, as well as eating of the fish.
1287.	Your Guide is excellent and a very important tool for fish consumption. It would be nice if Michigan would publish one for Michigan lakes and streams. (Michigan resident).
1288.	Keep up the good work by keeping up with the times. We must not let up on the prodding of government officials to minimize the pollution of the atmosphere by industry.
1289.	I am impressed.
1293.	Useful but too thick to put in tackle box. Maps of areas would be useful, like fishing regulations book. Provincial or National Parks in area of lake so a holiday could be made. Well put together.
1299.	Excellent and useful publication. However, all squares under the "size" columns should have an entry- blank squares are ambiguous ie. does a blank square after a dark fish symbol mean the fish consumption is okay and unlimited - I think not.
1300.	Have this type of information mailed to Band Offices on Reserves.
1305.	Very good. Please try to include coloured photos of all species.
1308.	I used the guide when fishing and when selecting a lake on which to buy a cottage.
1309.	Your doing a great job - very informative.
1310.	Perhaps a short chapter listing the heavy poluters and the headway being made to curtail their polution activites. I hope the new licence fees will be used to improve fishing which has deteriorated so drastically in the last 15/20 years.

Reply No.

1311. Its the book for every Ont. fisherman.

1312. It is very nice.

1314. Very good and useful publication.

1316. Keep up the good work!

1317. Keep up the good work. Do more stocking from the sale of fishing licences. Really crack down on factorys that pollute, regardless of the consiquences.

1318. Excellent publication. Keep up the good work.

1319. We all enjoy, as a family, our yearly 2 wk. vacation in Canada. It is our camping, fishing and outdoors time. Thank you all. (Ohio resident).

1320. Please keep publishing this guide. It is helpful for my children.

1322. I think the book is great and very helpful.

1323. It would be beneficial to Indian Reserves to have fish analyzed for contaminants. Native people in Ontario eat more fresh fish year round that non-Indian "sports fishermen".

1324. Information on bait fish.

1325. What baits are best used in what areas, for what fish.

1326. I have found this book to be very helpful and informative.

1327. Perhaps one guide every two years is sufficient (saves money) - maybe, if necessary, an addendum could be published every 2nd year.

1328. I like where its distributed it was very convenient to pick up.

1330. Please pass legislation requiring Industry (Dow Chem.) to clean up their habits, then, you could put the moneys used for this publication directly into fish habitat. It's a crime to let industry destroy your fabulous lakes and rivers like the U.S. has let them, just for the almighty dollar. (Michigan resident).

Reply No.	
1333.	I feel this guide to be a gross waste of money. Small pamphlets should be available in applicable areas only.
1337.	Your book has been a great help to me in a project I am doing about freshwater fish of Ontario.

The cutoff date for using 1986 questionnaire results in the calculations for this report was October 1, 1986. However, the authors feel that it is important to report all the comments received, therefore the following 66 comments were reported from the 145 questionnaires received after that date until January 8, 1987.

Reply No.	
1.	The histograms depicting trends of contaminants at the beginning of the booklet - very useful.
2.	Many lakes don't change their ratings from year to year. Is this because they are not tested each year?
3.	Thank you for the publication. I am glad someone is showing such an interest in our lakes.
4.	Overall a very informative book.
5.	It is an excellent program which made me more aware of the pollution problem of this province.
6.	I think it is very informative as is. We had company from Norway and we showed him the book. He was very impressed. He fishes a lot in Norway and they don't provide them with such a guide.
7.	Keep up the good work!
8.	Your publication could be advertised on T.V. or mag. or newspaper.
9.	Very good, well organized and informative.
10.	The publications available are becoming better done, more useful, and more varied. You are an asset to fishermen!

Reply No.	
11.	Keep up the good work!
12.	This program is well and the publication is excellent. It gives the angler a good sport and food choice of angling locations.
13.	A definite asset to the active angler. It should someway be issued at the same time as a person picks up their fishing licence. I'm sure Americans appreciate what our Government's doing by letting people know the dangers of consuming some larger fish.
14.	The layout of the guide is excellent. Having the consumption list on the last page is very good, but I find it disgusting that guidelines are given for Muskie. This implies that they are just another food fish.
15.	This is a very informative book, keep it coming. My husband and I are avid fishermen - a great sport.
16.	Excellent publication.
17.	Fine as is.
18.	This guide is very useful to me and I was glad to get it. Increase distribution.
19.	Wider distribution and more advertisement.
20.	Perfect - except for question 16. If it listed rivers as well, then I'd even purchase it.
21.	Excellent guide - good work!
22.	I think this guide is very good book. It is interesting and very informative and gives me a chance to see what fish are in the different lakes for fishing.
23.	Good job.
24.	Would like to thank the Ontario Gov't for the excellent work they have done in there hatcheries and this book.
25.	The Guide is appreciated.
26.	It would be nice if you would point out key places to fish and all the available fish.
27.	This booklet will be used by my family. I consider it an excellent publication. Found it to be very informative with good illustrations (fish identification pictures) etc. A great effort by the people in the Ministry.
28.	Very good. Why don't you send every one in Ontario one.

Reply No.	
29.	I like the book and hope to see another one.
30.	Other than I've put in #16, I feel this is an excellent and very informative publication.
31.	What's beening done to stop further contaminates from harming the sport.
32.	Acidic content of lake (pH factor) would be useful and informative.
33.	This booklet was very usefull to me and my customers. I sell seafood for the Super Centre in Sarnia.
34.	As a charter boat captain, I keep it on my boat to show people how much fish they can eat in safety.
35.	Many local fisherman had no idea about this publication due to the fact they live in the country i.e. Fort Frances Emo District.
36.	I never thought about the testing; diseases, contamination in fish. This guide has been very informative.
37.	Think it is great considering politicians (environmental) are extremely evasive when it comes to our health, especially concerning freshwater fish.
38.	Your publications are extremely well written, useful and well detailed. I truly hope that your Ministry can continue to monitor pollution levels and therefore allow future generations of anglers to safety experience the never ending joy that is fishing.
39.	Your Guide is well done. Improving it would mean a bigger book which costs more of our money. The trend of dropping pollutants looks promising.
40.	It is appreciated.
41.	This program was designed to give informative and assisting information to anglers of all ages. The publication was a genuinely fascinating idea which has sparked interest and enthusiasm throughout the province of Ontario. Thanx!
42.	Basically I appreciate it thanx. Enforce limits more often - hire more people. We should charge Americans more for various licences ... please.

Reply No.	
43.	I am curious about the levels found in trout during different phases during the year i.e. ice out, dead of winter, mid-summer, etc. I would appreciate knowing if any research has been carried out.
44.	Most lakes cut by geological fault zones appear to have high natural mercury - perhaps the more obvious lakes found in faulted systems should be analyzed.
45.	The book will also help to establish breeding stock by the return of the larger fish which contain concentrations of contaminants.
46.	Good program. Could there be a mailing list for users interested in yearly receiving guide?
47.	I find it very informative.
48.	It's a super program! Keep up the good work.
49.	Keep publishing an Ontario Sport Fish Guide and keep me informed on the pollution of our fish in our lakes. Thank you.
50.	Start charging licence fees - use the monies to stock the lakes.
51.	Expand the program and sample more fish in each lake.
52.	Well done publication.
53.	I think it is a great idea. Keep it up as is.
54.	Bravo! An excellent publication. I've used this book not only for consumption guidelines but also for scouting new locations with listings for target species of desired size.
55.	Not enough Conservation Officers - I'm tired of Americans taking out-of-season fish so regularly. I'm tired of Canadian fishermen leaving their garbage everywhere - Snaggers make me sick!
56.	Publication on lakes are good, but some lakes have good bass, but only trout are mentioned.
57.	We need this information to be aware of potential harmful environmental sources.
58.	The reading was very difficult. If I were a chemist I might have enjoyed it more. Much read was not understandable.
59.	I would like to see every one have one of these books in their home.
60.	If possible one should be available to the purchaser of a fishing license.

Reply No.	
61.	The guide is quite informative.
62.	Keep up the good work.
63.	You have made this combined issue much better than before.
64.	I find your program very descriptive and well organized. Keep up the good work!
65.	I am very impressed with your book. I have total confidence in the up-to-date information you have recorded.
66.	I would like to congratulate you on a job well done. Your book is informative and well written. Keep up the good work!

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